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Message of Condolence

The Asiatic Society, Kolkata offers its sincere condolence on the demise of the following Members, Eminent Personalities, Well-wishers, Employees and Ex-employees of the Society and those victims who passed away due to COVID19.

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The Journey of the Asiatic Society

The Journey:

The Asiatic Society, Kolkata is the oldest institution of learning in India and has made a seminal contribution in the revival of Indian history and heralding its renaissance. It was founded by Sir William Jones, a revered philologist and scholar of Anglo-Welsh descent on 15 January, 1784 in a meeting held at the Grand Jury Hall of the Supreme Court, Calcutta.

“The Bound of investigations will be the geographic limits of Asia, and within these limits its enquiries will be extended to whatever is performed by man or produced by nature” – a statement contained in the memorandum of Articles of the Asiatic Society was prepared by Sir William Jones in that historic meeting. Thus began the long journey of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata 236 years ago and marked the beginning of a new wave in oriental studies.

Early Days:

Initially, the Society only had European citizens as its members. It was in 1829 that Indians were allowed to be a part of the Society. In 1885, Rajendralala Mitra became the first Indian President of this organization. During the early years of establishment, the organization functioned without a building. After the government granted it land in 1805, its official building was built by 1808. The present building of the society was constructed at the same site in



1961 and inaugurated by Hon'ble former Indian President Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on 22nd February 1965.

The name of the Society underwent several changes during the last two centuries such as the Asiatick Society of Bengal (1832-1935), The Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal (1936-1951) and in July 1952 it came to be known as the Asiatic Society.

Vision & Mission:

The main objectives of the Asiatic society are as follows:

- To organise, initiate and promote researches in humanities and sciences in Asia.
- To establish, build, erect, construct, maintain and run research institutions, reading rooms, museums, art galleries, auditoriums and lecture halls;
- To organise lectures, seminars, symposia, discussion meetings and award of medals, prizes and scholarships in furtherance of the objects of the Society;
- To acquire, finance or publish any periodicals, books or other literature that the Society may think fit for the promotions of its objects;
- To create endowments or trust funds for the promotion of the objects of the Society.

With the march of time, the Asiatic Society had to expand its range of objectives and consequently the area of research. Of course, it has not gone beyond the basic mandate issued by its founder Sir William Jones that it would work with “what is performed by Man and produced by Nature.” This mandate is being fully adhered to till now,

consistent with the requirements of ever-expanding centre in human knowledge in modern times.

Institution of National Importance:

In many ways, the Asiatic Society has been the mother institution for the growth and development of many major academic institutions in this country like the School of Tropical Medicine, the Indian Museum, the Geological Survey of India, the Archaeological Survey of India, the Zoological Survey of India, the Botanical Survey of India, and so on and so forth.

In recognition of the Society's importance and its immense contribution in all fields of arts and sciences, Government of India recognized the Asiatic Society as an Institution of National Importance by an Act of Parliament during its bi-centenary year in 1984. With the enactment of the Asiatic Society Act of 1984, the Government of India took over the responsibility of providing the required financial support for its maintenance and development in future. At present, the Society is an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Governance :

The Society is registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. It is a members' Society. The Administration, direction and management of affairs of the Society are vested in a twenty members Council elected by the members of the Society. Election is held every two years. The learned Council members are primarily experts of different academic disciplines. The Council meets mandatorily once a month. There



are several Standing Committees which help the Council in implementing its mission. Also, there is a Planning Board of the Asiatic Society which advises it with respect to the planning and implementation of the developmental programmes of the Society. Similarly, a Standing Finance Committee consisting of Central Govt, State Govt and Council nominees to advise the Council on all matters having financial implications.

The Journey continues ...

In her inaugural speech at the Bi-Centenary Celebrations of the Society at Kolkata on 11th January, 1984, Smt Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India told, “ Some Institutions reflect history and some contribute to it. This Society has done both.” Till now, the Society has been carrying forward its programmes in all fronts for achieving its targets.

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General Secretary's Address

Respected President of the Asiatic Society, Hon'ble Council Members and Members of the Society, Respected Members of the Election Committee and my dear colleagues and friends, I am extremely privileged in placing before you the Annual Report of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2019-20:

The brief of our activities during the period are already mentioned in the Sectional Reports appended. The entire range of activities—academic, technical and administrative, were organized as per the approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Asiatic Society and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The beginning of academic activities of 2019-20 got its push from the declaration of its old building at Park Street as Sir William Jones Bhavan and the new complex at Salt Lake as Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan on January 15th and February 15th respectively. We are emboldened by the very successful Global Meet of all the Asiatic Societies of the world. Out of about 13 such Societies seven participated in this historic programme.

The major academic activities of the year 2019-20, and a follow up of programmes, with constraints thrust upon all of us in the world due to the severe ill effect of COVID-19 since then, may be highlighted in brief in this Annual Report. The detailed chronological records of



various programmes and activities were already published in our Monthly Bulletins.

Apart from the dedications of the two buildings mentioned above, regular exhibitions and special academic meet were organized in the Salt Lake complex building as well as in the old building of the Society at Park Street, Kolkata. Two bronze medallions of Sir William Jones (at the old building at Park Street) and Dr. Rajendralala Mitra (at Salt Lake complex building) and a bust of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar (at the historic Vidyasagar Hall in the old building) have been ceremoniously installed. Three major committed tasks were accomplished with success, namely observances of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, Bicentenary of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and 70 years of Indian Constitution. On all these occasions series of lectures, seminars, quiz competitions were organized. Special publications were brought out on Gandhi and Vidyasagar. Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Government of India, released four publications including a Hindi title on Vidyasagar on 26th September, 2019.

The Society handed over the Tagore Peace Award to Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh on 5th October, 2019 during her visit to India. This function was solemnly organized in collaboration with the office of the High Commissioner of Bangladesh in New Delhi at Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi. She spoke highly on the importance of cultural relations of these two neighbouring countries and presented a set of books to the Asiatic Society on Bangabandhu Sheikh Muzibur Rahaman.

The GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan visited the Asiatic Society on 30th October, 2019 and he suggested for some collaborative research work which could be initiated at the instance of the Asiatic Society. Based on the outcome of this meeting an ethnographic survey was designed to be initiated in the border areas of Arunachal Pradesh. Preparatory meetings were conducted involving the Rajiv Gandhi Central University, Arunachal Pradesh. The project is to be launched very soon.

The 237th Foundation Day was observed keeping the old tradition of the Society. Sri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and the Patron of the Asiatic Society along with the First Lady Smt. Sudesh Dhankhar graced the occasion. The Foundation Day Oration was delivered by Professor Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi, on 'Manuscript Collections as Source of History'. The Hon'ble Governor spoke highly about the achievements of the Asiatic Society in various fields of academic activities throughout its long journey. He also wanted the Society to play a pivotal role in establishing the academic leadership in Indological Studies and to project before the world the cultural excellence of our country.

Two prestigious publications were released recently. A set of three volumes entitled Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal, edited by late Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (former Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research) was released by Professor Dipesh Chakrabarty, Professor of History, Chicago University on 27th



January, 2020. A research report entitled *The Living World of the Adivasis of West Bengal: Ethnographic Exploration*, a study done in collaboration with Pratichi Trust, was released by Professor Amartya Sen, the Nobel Laureate, on 19th February, 2020. Apart from the above, the Society organized a number of seminars, workshops, endowment lectures, special lectures, and participated in many collaborative programmes including the outreach programmes in North-East India.

Epilogue: A few days before the end of March 2020 the whole of the world including our country got badly affected due to the severe outbreak of COVID 19. Following the instructions issued by the Central as well as State Government from time to time the Society was almost closed for a long time. New mode of work from home started. With the gradual unlock phases the Society slowly

started opening up. Academic programmes were organized in virtual mode using technological aid. A number of webinars were conducted in every month since then including the Council and other Committee meetings. The Annual General Meeting and Award Giving Ceremony was put on hold. Recently the new Council has been elected. They will take over charges at the Annual General Meeting today. Preparations are going on to hold the 238th Foundation Day in both physical and virtual mode. Sri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and the Patron of the Asiatic Society has kindly consented to be present as the Chief Guest. Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Government of India, is also expected to be present as Guest of Honour. Looking forward to secured and safe journey for the Society as well as its members, staff members and well wishers. Thanking you all.

January 4, 2021
Kolkata

S. B. Chakrabarti
General Secretary

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The Council of the Asiatic Society (2018-2020)

PRESIDENT :

Professor Isha Mahammad

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Professor Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty
Professor Alok Kanti Bhaumik
Professor Pradip Bhattacharya

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TREASURER:

Dr. Sujit Kumar Das

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Professor Ranjana Ray

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE SECRETARY :

Professor Asok Kanti Sanyal

HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SECRETARY :

Professor Arun Kumar Bandopadhyay

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Professor Tapati Mukherjee



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Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee

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Dr. M. Firoze

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Professor Atis Kumar Dasgupta

Professor Nabanarayan Bandyopadhyay

Professor Biplab Chakraborty

Professor Somnath Mukhopadhyay

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Joint Secretary,

Ministry of Culture, Government of India

The Director General,

National Council of Science Museums,
Kolkata

The Secretary & Curator,

Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata

The Director,

Anthropological Survey of India

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL :

Director of Public Instruction (DPI),

Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West
Bengal

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY EMPLOYEES' UNION :

Professor Ranjit Sen

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Planning Board and Standing Finance Committee

PLANNING BOARD

[Constituted under Section 8(1) of the Asiatic Society Act, 1984]

1. Secretary , Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Chairman
2. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Culture, Government of India
Member
3. Director General, National Council of Science Museum, Kolkata
Member
4. Director General, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata
Member
5. Secretary & Curator, Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata
Member
6. Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal
Member
7. President, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
Member
8. General Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
Convenor



STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

[Constituted as per Regulation 4A (1)]

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Culture, Government of India | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. Director General, National Council of Science Museum, Kolkata | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. Director of Public Instruction (DPI), Department of Higher Education, GoWB | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary, The Asiatic Society | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, Vice President, The Asiatic Society | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. Dr. Sujit Kumar Das, Treasurer, The Asiatic Society | <i>Member</i> |

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Committees and Sub-Committees

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

[Constituted as per Bye-Laws VI]

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9. **Professor Ashok Kanti Sanyal,**
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11. **Professor Ranjana Ray,**
Anthropological Secretary
12. **Dr. M. Firoze,**
Joint Philological Secretary
13. **Professor Biplab Chakraborty**
14. **Professor Didhiti Biswas**
15. **Dr. Nibedita Ganguly**



Invitee member:

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Vice President
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11. **Professor Dilip Basu**
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13. **Shri Nirbed Roy**
14. **Dr. Indranil Sen**
15. **Dr. Nirmal Bandyopadhyay**
16. **Dr. Rajat Sanyal**
17. **Dr. Sankar Prasad Chakraborty**
18. **Dr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee**

Invitee Members:

1. **Dr. Runa Chattopadhyay**
2. **Dr. Satarupa Dutta Mazumder**

BIBLIOTHECA INDICA COMMITTEE

[Constituted as per Bye-Laws XXXVIII]

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Joint Philological Secretary
7. **Professor Nabanarayan Bandopadhyay**
8. **Professor Badiur Rahaman**
9. **Professor Subuddhi Charan Goswami**
10. **Professor Bela Bhattacharya**
11. **Professor Biswanath Roy**

Special Invitee :

1. **Professor Santinath Ghosh**

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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Medical Science Secretary
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Philological Secretary



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14. **Professor Nabanarayan Bandyopadhyay**
15. **Professor Satyabati Giri**
16. **Professor Basudeb Barman**
17. **Professor Biswanath Roy**
18. **Dr. Arunabha Misra**
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20. **Dr. Sankar Nath**
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25. **Professor Badiur Rahaman**
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4. **Dr. Amiya Kumar Samanta**
IPS (Retd)
5. **Shri Sandhi Mukherjee**
IPS (Retd)
6. **Shri Soumen Mitra**
IPS

During the period, the business of the Society was conducted through the following meetings:

- Meetings of the Council : 10 (Ten)
- Monthly General Meeting : 10 (Ten)
- Meetings of the Library Committee : 11 (Eleven)
- Meetings of the Publication Committee : 11 (Eleven)
- Meetings of the Academic Committee : 10 (Ten)
- Meetings of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee : 04 (Four)
- Meeting of the Standing Finance Committee : 01 (One)

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Awardees of Medals, Plaques and Lectureships for the year 2019

Lectureship:

1. ***PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR LECTURESHIP***

Ms. Ela Gandhi, Eminent Academician, Peace Activist and Former Member of Parliament in South Africa, for her scholarship in the field of Humanities.

2. ***RAJA RAJENDRALAL MITRA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP***

Professor Malavika Karlekar, Eminent Academician, for her notable contribution in the field of Indological Studies.

3. ***INDIRA GANDHI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP***

Professor Rajmohan Gandhi, Eminent Scholar and Former Member of Parliament [Rajya Sabha], for his important contribution to National Integration.

4. ***PROFESSOR SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI LECTURESHIP***

Professor Ramkrishna Bhattacharya, Eminent Scholar on the Ancient School of Indian Materialism, for his important contribution in the field of Comparative Philosophy of Language.

5. ***ABHA MAITI ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP***

Professor Nirmala Banerjee, Former Professor of Economics at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, for her significant contribution in the field of Economic Development vis -a -vis the Question of Women.



6. **DR. BIMANBEHARI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP**

Shri Amitav Ghosh, Eminent Indian Writer and the Winner of the 54th Jnanpith Award, for his notable contribution to Literature and History.

7. **DR. SATYENDRA NATH SEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP**

Dr. Asim Dasgupta, Eminent Economist, for his important contribution in the field of Economy, Society and Development.

8. **DR. PANCHANAN MITRA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP**

Dr. Anungla Aier, Principal, Kohima Science College, for her important contribution in the field of Anthropology in North East India.

9. **G.S.I. SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE**

Professor Somnath Dasgupta, Former Vice-Chancellor of Assam University, for his outstanding contribution in the field of Earth Science.

10. **SWAMI PRANAVANANDA MEMORIAL LECTURE**

Professor Achintya Biswas, Eminent Academician, for his important contribution to Social Development.

Medal/Plaque

1. **RABINDRANATH TAGORE BIRTH CENTENARY PLAQUE**

Professor Amitendranath Thakur, Eminent Academician, for his creative contribution to Human Culture.

2. **PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR GOLD PLAQUE**

Professor Suranjan Das, Eminent Historian of Modern India and currently Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University, for his significant contribution to Contemporary Social issues.

3. **INDIRA GANDHI GOLD PLAQUE**

Professor Jayant Vishnu Narlikar, Padma Vibhushan, Eminent Astrophysicist, for his significant contribution towards Human Progress.

4. **ANNANDALE MEMORIAL MEDAL**

Professor Ravindra. K. Jain, Former Professor of Social Anthropology and Dean, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, for his significant contributions to the Study of Anthropology in Asia.

5. **SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD MEDAL**

Professor Sumit Sarkar, Eminent Historian of Modern India, for his significant contributions in the field of History.

6. **PROFESSOR SUKUMAR SEN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL**

Professor Alok Ranjan Dasgupta, Eminent Bengali Poet based at Germany, for his conspicuously important contribution in the Academic field.

7. **DR. BIMALA CHURN LAW GOLD MEDAL**

Professor Pradyot Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Former Professor of Philosophy, Jadavpur University, for his important contribution in the field of Philosophy.



8. DURGA PRASAD KHAITAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Professor Amalendu Bandyopadhyay, Eminent Astronomer and Former Director, Positional Astronomy Centre, Kolkata, for his notable contribution to Science [To be awarded posthumously since Prof. Bandyopadhyay died on 22.06.2020] .

9. DR. PRABHATI MUKHERJEE MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Professor Kumkum Roy, Professor at Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, for her creative contribution to the Subject of “Women Question from Ancient Times to Date”.

10. PROFESSOR HEM CHANDRA RAYCHAUDHURI BIRTH CENTENARY GOLD MEDAL

Professor Ranabir Chakravarti, Former Professor of History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, for his important contribution in the field of Indian History.

11. JOY GOBIND LAW MEMORIAL MEDAL

Professor Ashim Kumar Chakravarty, Former Professor of Zoology at North Bengal University, for his important contributions to the Knowledge of Zoology in Asia.

12. PROFESSOR NIRMAL NATH CHATTERJEE MEDAL

Dr. Pranjit Hazarika, Assistant Professor at Department of Geological Sciences, Gauhati University, for his important contribution to the Knowledge of Economic Geology.

13. PAUL JOHANNES BRUHL MEMORIAL MEDAL

Professor Sampa Das, Former Professor and Head of the Division of Plant Biology at Bose Institute, Kolkata, for her most Meritorious Piece of Original Research in the Branch of Botany.

14. PRAMATHA NATH BOSE MEMORIAL MEDAL

Dr. Kiyoo Mogi, Eminent Seismologist based at Japan, for his important contributions to Geology with special reference to Asia.

15. PRIYABRATA ROY MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

Shri Arun Mukhopadhyay, Eminent Bengali Actor-Director and Playwright associated with the Bengali theatre group ‘Chetana’, for his creative contribution in Drama.

16. R P CHANDA CENTENARY MEDAL

Professor Arjun Appadurai, Eminent Anthropologist and the Goddard Professor in Media, Culture and Communication at New York University, for his important contributions in Anthropology.

17. SAILENDRA NATH AND MANJULA DEY MEMORIAL MEDAL

Dr. Subir Kumar Dutta, Former Professor and Head, Department of Pathology, University College of Medicine, University of Calcutta and formerly Dean of Medical Faculty, University of Calcutta, for his important contribution in the field of Medical Science.

18. SARAT CHANDRA ROY MEMORIAL MEDAL

Dr. Nilay Basu for his Outstanding Anthropological contribution on Transgender Research.

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Major Resolutions adopted and Items reported in the Council during April 2019-March 2020

Council Meeting held on 30th April, 2019

- The Council approved the holding of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2018-19 on Monday, 3rd June, 2019 at 5 p.m. at Vidyasagar Hall of the Society.
[Resolution to Agenda Item No 12]

Council Meeting held on 30th May, 2019

- The Council nominated the General Secretary of the Society to represent the Society in the reconstituted Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA).
[Resolution to Table Item No 1]

Council Meeting held on 28th June, 2019

- The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick for the purpose of reviewing the Tenancy Agreement in light of the observation of the audit vide. Audit Para No 2.1 of Part II (A) for the year 2017-18 in the AIR No 18-19/132 titled ‘ Undue benefit to Private Tenants of Rs 255.96 lakhs besides non-levy of Municipal Taxes and other Indirect Taxes, etc.’ Accordingly, the Council decided to approach the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for engagement of an Estate Officer under Eviction of Public Property Act, 1971 and amendments thereto for evicting the existing tenants in order to make more space required for proper preservation and



conservation of thousands of its rare and valuable manuscripts and artefacts.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 11]

- The Council in principle approved the proposal for introduction of pension scheme for the employees of the Society who have joined before 01.01.2004 and decided to pursue the matter with the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India with all facts and figures.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 12]

Council Meeting held on 26th July, 2019

- In view of the importance of the matter as communicated by the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs to the Hon'ble Minister of Culture and the request of the Ministry of Culture for the extension of the validity of MoU for loaning of Zhabdrung statue of the Society to Royal Government Bhutan, the Council decided to accept the extension of loan period of the said statute till 31st December, 2024. The Council also authorized the General Secretary to communicate the decision of the Council to the Ministry of Culture immediately.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 12]

- The Council approved the Annual Accounts of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2018-19 and authorized the General Secretary to make arrangements for undertaking the audit and certification of the accounts by the Office of the Director General of Audit, Central, Kolkata.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 15]

- The Council re-nominated Professor Kunal Ghosh, Ph.D. D.Sc. FNA, a life member and fellow of the Society in the Council of the Indian National Science Academy for the year 2020.

[Resolution to Table Item No 2]

Council Meeting held on 30th August, 2019

- The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th July, 2019 and circulated among the members were unanimously confirmed with the following observation made by Professor Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty on the resolution of agenda item No. 12 of the last meeting:

‘There was an anxiety in the minds of some of the members of the Council when the first proposal of a loan was received that the loan of the brass image of Dharma-Raja might be converted into a permanent loan. It seems that the Council now has only to accept the request for the extension of the loan for another five years in view of the urgency involved for *raison d'état*. It would be a better idea to return the image to Bhutan as a grand gesture to the neighbour. The Royal Government of Bhutan, in return, may be requested to provide the Asiatic Society with a replica which could be a permanent exhibit.

[Resolution to agenda Item No 1]

- The Council reconstituted the Internal Complaint Committee of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata as per Section 4 of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 with the following members:

- Dr. Bandana Mukherjee,
Presiding Officer, Research Officer
- Smt. Amita Bhattacharya (Ghoshal),
Assistant Librarian, Staff Member
- Dr. Shakti Mukherjee,
Sr. Publication Assistant, Staff Member
- Shri Bhaskar Ghosh,
Accountant, Staff Member
- Smt. Amita Sen, Hony. General Secretary, All Bengal Women Union Member from NGO

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 16]



Council Meeting held on 30th September, 2019

- The Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Professor Mrinal Miri, former Vice-Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University and former Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, as Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society for the year 2019 in terms of the provision of clauses 2,3 and 4 of the Bi-Laws IV of the Asiatic Society regarding election of Honorary Fellow and it was decided that the unanimous nomination of Professor Mrinal Miri would be placed in the next Monthly General Meeting for approval as per Clauses 6 and 7 of the said Bi-Laws.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 8]

- The Council noted the content of the letter under reference and decided to complete ban of the use of Plastic Products and to place emphasis on the use of environment friendly alternatives in place of plastic products in the Society. The Council also decided to observe Swachhta Hi Seva (SHS) 2019 campaign during the month of October, 2019 with a focus on Plastic Waste Management in the Society.

[Resolution to Table Item No 1]

Council Meeting held on 29th November, 2019

- The Council approved Rs 1500/- (Rupees one thousand five hundred) only [inclusive of all] towards payment of sitting fees to the external members of various Advisory or Selection Committees of the Society.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 16]

- The Council approved the proposal received from the G.O.C. in Chief (HQ) Eastern Command

expressing interest to undertake a collaborative research with the Society on North East Frontiers in its socio-economic-cultural perspectives with particular reference to Arunachal Pradesh and decided to discuss the proposal in detail in the next meeting of the Academic Committee.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 19]

- The Council noted the constitution of the Election Committee as per Regulation 37 of the Society for conduct the election of Office-Bearers and other Members of the Council to be held in the year 2020:
- Joint Secretary, In-charge of the Asiatic Society, Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the official member of the Council of the Asiatic Society representing the Government of India.
- Director of Public Instruction, Department of Higher Education, GoWB, Government of West Bengal and the official member of the Council of the Asiatic Society representing the Government of West Bengal.
- The Registrar of Societies, Government of West Bengal.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 20]

- The Council accepted the proposal and decided to invite Professor Dipesh Chakraborty for releasing the three volumes of publications of the Asiatic Society titled "Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal" edited by Late Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, former Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati.

[Resolution to Table Item No. 2]



Council Meeting held on 30th December, 2019

- The Council adopted the Separate Audit Report (SAR) along with the Audited Annual Accounts of the Society for the year 2018-19 and proposed for placing the same before the General Body of Members of the Society by convening an Extraordinary General Meeting under Regulation 51 of The Asiatic Society, on 3rd February 2020 for its consideration and adoption in compliance with Regulation 59A framed under The Asiatic Society Act of 1984.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 9]

Council Meeting held on 29th January, 2020

- The Council accepted the recommendations of the meeting regarding election of Fellows under Clause 13 of the Bi- Laws of the Asiatic Society held on 18th January, 2019 and recommended the name of Dr. Chaitali Dutta for election to the fellowship in the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 11]

- The Council approved the proposal for organizing an exhibition on the journal 'Bibidarthasangraha' edited by Rajendralala Mitra on the occasion of his birthday celebration on 15th February, 2020 at the Salt Lake Campus of the Asiatic Society. The Council also decided to hold a one-day seminar on Rajendralala Mitra on this occasion and approved a total budget Rs. 1,30,000/- for the entire programme.

[Resolution to Table Item No 1]

Council Meeting held on 26th February, 2020

- The Council approved the recommendations of the meeting of the Library Committee held on 20th February, 2020 with the following observations:

Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee, Publication Secretary of the Society reported his concern about the condition of one lakh six thousand important books and manuscripts which were sealed and packed in the Currency Building from Metcalfe Hall during renovation. He suggested to form a small Committee to find out ways and means about those documents. The Council also felt their concern and constituted a Committee comprising Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Professor Ranjit Sen and Professor Somnath Mukhopadhyay to find out ways and means for the said books and manuscripts. The Council also decided to discuss the matter, if necessary, with the Hon'ble Minister of Culture to find out a solution to arrange space either in the Metcalfe Hall or elsewhere.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 4]

- The Council noted and adopted the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Standing Finance Committee [SFC] of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata held on 22nd January, 2020.

[Resolution to Agenda Item No 9]

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Publication of the Asiatic Society

Just after four years of its inception, the Society started its publication in 1788 with the publication of Asiatick Researches. In the words of Sir William Jones, “It will flourish, if naturalists, chemists, antiquaries, philologists and men of science, in different parts of Asia, will commit their observations to writing and send them to the Asiatic Society at Calcutta, it will languish, if such communications shall be long intermitted; and it will die away if they shall entirely cease.” The Society has been publishing original and noteworthy books and articles to maintain its glory and high academic standard as in the past, and the Society is known to the world of learning for its being the first publication house in the country.

Two statutory committees, viz., Publication Committee and Bibliotheca Indica Committee recommend articles, communications, book-reviews for publication in the Journal of the Asiatic Society and manuscripts for publication in book form in different series, viz., Bibliotheca Indica, Monograph, Seminar & Public Lecture, Catalogues & Bibliographical Works etc. and some under Miscellaneous publications.

The Asiatic Society publishes books in the above-mentioned series, besides Journal, Monthly Bulletin and some booklets on different occasions.

During this period (01.04.2019 - 31.03.2020) Twenty Five titles of books, four issues of the Journal of the Asiatic Society, twelve issues



of Monthly Bulletin, and four numbers of other publications including booklets have been published.

The Asiatic Society participated in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020, International Kolkata Book Fair 2020, for enhancement of sales proceeds. Efforts to contact the book-sellers, academic institutions, libraries etc. have also been made.

PUBLICATIONS DURING 2019–2020

• Books

1. *Pandit Iswarchandra Vidyasagar* by France Bhattacharya
2. *Sarvadarshana Samgraha with English translation* by E. B. Cowell & A. E. Gough ed. by Pandita Iswarachandra Vidyasagara
3. *Vidyasagar: Ekush Sataker Chokhey* ed. by Pallab Sengupta & Amita Chakraborty (1st Reprint)
4. *Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya and Lokayata* ed. by Dilipkumar Mohanta
5. *Vidyasagar Jibancharit of Chandicharan Bandyopadhyay* translated into Hindi by Rupnarayan Pandey
6. *Iswarchandra Vidyasagar as Printer and Publisher*
7. *Sir William Jones-er Patrabali* translated into Bengali by Amita Chakraborty
8. *Consequence of Ageing in a Tribal Society and its Cultural Age Construct* by Saumitra Basu
9. *Ethnography, Historiography and North-East India* by H. Sudhir
10. *Wings of Life* ed. by Asok Kanti Sanyal
11. *Gitagobinda O Bharat Sanskriti*
12. *Emergence of Castes and Outcastes : Historical Roots of the 'Dalit' Problem* by Suvira Jaiswal
13. *Food and Nutrition in Health & Disease* ed. By Sukta Das
14. *The Chin-Lushai Border : Community, State, Market : Emerging Perspective* by Asok Kumar Ray
15. *Vidyasagar: Ekush Sataker Chokhey* ed. by Pallab Sengupta & Amita Chakraborty (2nd Reprint)
16. *Vidyasagar Chaychalan (in Bengali script)* tr. by Boro Baske
17. *Vidyasagar Chaychalan (in Olchiki script)* tr. by Boro Baske
18. *Iswarchandra Vidyasagar as Printer and Publisher* (1st Reprint)
19. *Asia : Manab O Prakriti* by Amita Chakraborty
20. *The Prakrit Gatha Saptasati* tr. by Radha Govinda Basak
21. *Pandit Mrityunjay Vidyalkar Prabandhaval* ed. by Asit Kumar Bandyopadhyay
22. *The Mystic Songs of Kanha and Saraha : The Doha Kosa and the Carya* tr. by Pranabesh Sinha Ray



23. *Panchavimsa Brahmana : The Brahmana of Twenty-five Chapters* tr. by W. Caland *Monthly Bulletin of the Asiatic Society*,
Vol. XLVIII No. 4 – 10 2019 = 7 issues
24. *Carakasamhita Darshanik Bhabna-Samiksha* by Dalia Bandury No. 1 – 3 2020 = 3 issues
25. *Urban Development in Ancient India* by Adhir Chakravarti Nos. October & November 2019

• Periodicals

Journal of the Asiatic Society,

Vol. LXI	No. 1	2019
	No. 2	2019
	No. 3	2019
	No. 4	2019

Booklets

General Secretary's Report 2018-2019

Presidential Address 2018-2019

Annual Report 2018-2019

Catalogue of Publications, November 2019

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Activities : Library Section

Library

The Library of the Asiatic Society with its long glorious history of two hundred thirty-six years is the most important component of Society. The Library is enriched with a vast collection of books and journals apart from manuscripts and artifacts slated for Oriental Studies. Its importance lies not in numerical strength but in its rich and unique contents.

The holding is consist of more than 1,33,307 books and 1,09,000 bound volumes of Journals in different European, Sino-Tibetan, Russian, South Asian, Persian, Urdu, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Bengali, Sanskrit and other Indian languages.

The library of the Society offers bibliographic and documentation services to the research scholars of different branches of study coming from different parts of India and abroad. The reading room equipped with books, periodicals, microfilm and microfiche is open to readers from Monday to Friday between 9.45 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Reader's services through internet and e-mail have also been successfully rendered from time to time. Computerized index of the articles published in the Journal of the Asiatic Society is also consulted by the readers very frequently.

The activities of the Library are planned and monitored by the Library Committee set up by the Council. The Library Committee meets every month (except October) and after due deliberation submits its recommendations to the Council for approval.



● **Activities during the period:**

- The Library was open to Readers & Scholars from India & Abroad for 289 days and served 8543 readers.
- 1237 books have been accessioned and 1517 books have been processed in different languages and different subjects.
- Library subscribed to 374 issues of journals. The library received 221 issues of journals on exchange and 105 issues of journals as Gift during the period.
- 8729 readers used the Library. 5363 books were issued to the readers and 5553 books were returned by them
- 612 visitors and dignitaries from different parts of India and abroad visited the library during the year. 167 foreigners visited the Library during the period.
- Students along with their teachers from 9 different schools, colleges and universities visited the Library during the period.
- From 23rd January 2020, the functioning of reading room service and circulation service at the newly constructed 4th Floor of the New Building of the Society has been started.

● **Visits of Library by different Institutions:**

- 15.05.2019 A team of 36 students along with their teachers from Dept. of History Raiganj University
- 04.07.2019 A team from Hungarian Writers Association, Hungary.

- 16.07.2019 11 member team from Indian Science News Association, Kolkata.
- 26.07.2019 12 member team from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata.
- 19.08.2019 4 member team from Hungary.
- 28.08.2019 17 members team from Kolkata Institute of Art Conservation.
- 19.09.2019 A team of 34 students and their teachers from Al Ameen Memorial College, Kolkata.
- 18.10.2019 16 member team from Hungary.
- 30.10.2019 A team of 12 students and their teachers from Tata Institute of Social Science, Hyderabad.
- 18.12.2019 9 students team from Benaras Hindu University.
- 31.01.2020 A team of 12 students and their teachers from Symbiosis Mumbai.
- 04.02.2020 6 students team from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.
- 14.02.2020 A team of 97 students and their teachers from Samali Bholanath High School, Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas.

Exhibitions and display of Books & Journals:

Exhibitions on various topics are frequently organised as a part of the seminars and conferences organised by the Society. To felicitate dignitaries on their visit to the Society, exhibitions showcasing the treasures



of the Asiatic Society are organised. In these exhibitions, the Library display rare books, journals, photographs, documents etc. emphasizing the rich and varied resources of the Library. During the period, following exhibitions and display of books and journals were arranged which were highly appreciated by the scholars and media.

i. **22nd-26th April 2019**

To commemorate the hundred years of *Jallianwalla Bag Massacre*, a display of books, pictures from the Collection of the Asiatic Society was arranged.

ii. **6th May 2019**

On the occasion of the 235th Annual General Meeting of the Society display of Books was arranged as *a tribute to Rabindra Nath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and martyrs of Jallianwala Bag Massacre*.

iii. **8th - 9th July 2019**

In connection with the two day National Seminar on *Revisiting the Contributions of Professor Sukumar Sen*, a display of books written by and on Sukumar Sen was arranged.

iv. **25th July 2019**

In connection with an International Seminar on *Revisiting the Life and Times of Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar*, a display of books written by and on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar was arranged.

v. **26th-27th Sept. 2019**

On the occasion of Two day International Seminar, celebrating *Bicentenary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar* a display of books written by and on Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was arranged in the library. Shri Prahlad Singh Patel,

Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Culture, Govt. of India, visited the library on this occasion.

vi. **15th January 2020**

On the occasion of the *Foundation Day of the Asiatic Society* a display of rare books and journals were arranged. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, visited the library on this occasion.

vii. **15th – 29th Feb. 2020**

On the occasion of 199th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra, the first Indian President of the Asiatic Society, an illustrated exhibition on '*Bibidhartha Samgraha*' the first illustrated Bengali journal, edited by Dr. Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra was arranged at the Salt Lake Campus of the Society.

DIGITIZATION:

The Society is planning to boost up the Digitization Programme of its rich collection. Under the in-house digitization programme, a total of 594 manuscripts containing more than 32000 folios have been digitized and metadata of more than 1300 documents (including books and manuscripts) have been created. More than 510 pdf files of books and manuscripts have been created for uploading in the Digital Archive. 3657 microfiches (containing 2,25,289 images) have been digitized and are ready for the users. To expedite the work of digitization, a tender for digitization of manuscripts has been floated as a part of the 1st Phase Digitization Work where 11,397 manuscripts [approximately 15, 00,000 pages] have been stated for digitization.



DIGITAL ARCHIVE:

The digital archive of the Society has been revamped and 517 manuscripts, 575 microfiche collection materials, 390 books have been uploaded in the internal server of the society. Presently, the archive is available only on the LAN of the Society premises.

DIGITAL LIBRARY:

A Digital Library has been set up at the 3rd Floor in the newly constructed building of the Society at Salt Lake. The content of the digital library comprises Asiatic Researches (1788-1839), Gleanings in Science, all volumes of Journal of the Asiatic Society, Yearbook, all books in Bibliotheca Indica Series, Memoirs etc. Readers from Salt Lake area visit and access the digital library as per their need.

WEB OPAC:

Web OPAC is active. The database is being updated regularly. It is being utilized very well by the members of the society as well as by the external researchers and scholar for searching catalogue entries.

MOPAC (OPAC on Mobile):

The collection of the library can also be browsed from smartphones & tablets.

LIBRARY AUTOMATION:

As a part of Library automation, six trainees were appointed on a purely temporary basis and were engaged for entering data in the Libsys package for full cataloguing and other allied work. Data for 5616 vols. of books have been entered in Libsys by the Library Trainees from September 2019 to March 2020. Data for 1700 vols. of books have been entered by the staff of the Library during the period.

PHYSICAL STOCK VERIFICATION OF LIBRARY BOOKS

The work of physical verification was started in September 2019 with the help of barcoding of books. As on 31st March 2020, the total number of print books verified was 19,333.

CIRCULATION:

Automated Circulation system has been started side by side with the manual circulation system.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT:

Procurement of books and journals as per budget provision has been achieved. For the selection of books by the members, research scholars and staff, one book fair was arranged.

EMINENT VISITORS DURING THE PERIOD:

- Sri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Government of India
- Professor Amartya Sen, the Nobel laureate and eminent economist
- Tandi Dorji, Foreign Minister, Royal Government of Bhutan
- Sri Anil Chauhan, Lt. General, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command
- Sri Jogdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal
- Professor Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi.
- Dr. Atiur Rahman, Famous Economist of Bangladesh and Former Governor of Bangladesh Central Bank
- Justice Chittatosh Mookherjee, Former Chief Justice of the Calcutta and Bombay High Court.
- Professor Brian A. Hatcher, Professor and Packard Chair of Theology, Tufts University, USA.
- Professor Charles Melville, Professor Emeritus, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, U.K.



Museum

The Museum of the Asiatic Society is a repository of priceless & unique collection of manuscripts in different languages and scripts. A good number of catalogues published by the Asiatic Society both Descriptive and Tabular which are remarkable deeds of the study and research of manuscripts. Manuscripts collection of the Society is varied and rich and covers most of Indian languages and scripts. The total number of manuscripts now possessed by the Society in its Museum is over 50,000. The manuscripts are deposited under different collections viz, Indian Museum Collection, Govt. Collection, Society Collection, New Society Collection, R.K. Dev Collection, Hodgson Collection, Islamic Collection. The oldest manuscript possessed by the Society is **Kubjikamatam** of 7th century A.D. written in Gupta Brahmi Script.

Except for Manuscripts the Museum & Manuscript Section of the Asiatic Society also possesses old coins in various metals, inscription inscribed on Copper Plates and 78 valuable oil-paintings, mostly portraits. Many of these were painted by Robert Home, Joshua Reynolds, Guido, Daniell etc. The famous paintings that are housed in this Museum are of Cleopatra, A Ghat at Benaras, Cupid asleep on the cloud, Warren Hastings, John Dewitt, Wellesley and Infant Christ. Sculptures both in stone and metal in the possession of the Asiatic Society are rich in respect of number and historical importance. Among these, the Brahma, material-Black Basalt Stone, Period 12th C.A.D., Vishnu, material- Black Basalt Stone, Period 11th Century A.D., Brass image of Dharm Raja, (at present, this image is in Bhutan) 1864, Ashokan Rock Edicts from 250 BC are some of the rare of this objects of the museum.

The Museum also possesses a large number of survey maps drawn by British surveyors in the 18th & 19th century. Some remarkable maps reflect the change of socio-political, economic & cultural sceneries of India.

In addition, the Museum of the Asiatic Society preserves a large number of Old letters and Rare Books some of which date back to 1784, just after the Society was founded.

BRIEF ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD:

- The work of cataloguing of the manuscripts is in progress. The descriptive form of cataloguing of 372 Sanskrit manuscripts & 140 Bengali manuscripts has duly been prepared. The works of the foliation of 13595 folios and 385 Top sheets/ handlists of the manuscripts have also been done.
- The contents of 61 English files containing 3186 letters, 27 Misc. and 2125 pages relating to the various activities of the society have been documented.
- During the period, service was extended to 424 readers and scholars of Indian & Foreign origin who consulted 1435 manuscripts and other documents in the Reading Room of the Museum of the Asiatic Society.
- 101 Indians and 26 Foreign visitors from different countries have visited the Museum during the period.



- Three exhibitions were organized on various occasions during the period.
- Museum Section arranged Two-day Staff Training Programme (on display and exhibition) cum Workshop in September (13th – 14th September 2019).
- Preparation & Printing of Museum Souvenirs i.e. Post Cards, Posters, Replicas, Brouchers.
- Preparation & Printing of Catalogue books.
- As per direction by the Ministry, various activities for maintaining the cleanliness of the Museum and Manuscripts Section and its surroundings a team of Officer & other staff have been involved in the project of “Swachh Bharat” drive.
- Installation of New Mobile Storage Unit (2nd Part) for smooth running & safekeeping of the manuscripts & other records.
- Restored 2 Nos. of Oil-Paintings and 2 Nos. are under process.
- Prepared for sale many new souvenir items like a paperweight, coffee mug, Coaster set, Pen stand, Reproduction of Oil-Paintings which are highly appreciated.

Conservation

The Conservation Laboratory of the Asiatic Society has been preserving and restoring rare books, manuscripts, plates, maps, etc. Since 1984 with special care and devotion. The functions of the division are highly technical and works are being done in precision to avoid damage. The skilled and professionally trained staff of this division is capable of performing a wide range of treatments on bound materials including medieval manuscripts and old and rare books.

Brief activities during the period:

No. of books & mss. were physically verified from the Conservation point	2,287
From the above no of book- worm infested books and mss, were fumigated	1,766
Insecticide treatment in the stack of Library, Museum and Urdu Section was undertaken by the spraying of ‘pip’ insecticide (10,000 sq.ft.)	12 times
	each Section

No. of sheets (full of patches) were de-laminated before lamination	1,684
No. of sheets were paginated before treatment	10,732
No. of brittle & fragile sheets were de-acidified before lamination	5,667
No. of brittle & fragile sheets were collated	4,096
No. of warm eaten and jammed sheets of mss, and rare books were carefully separated for its reconditioning	861
No. of torn sheets were mended before lamination	1,651
No. of brittle & fragile sheets of paper manuscript examined for treatment	4,826
No. of brittle & fragile sheets of paper manuscripts restored	3,316
No. of delicate sheets laminated using tissue paper (U.K. Origin) & cellulose acetate foil	6,468
No. of delicate sheets laminated using tissue paper (U. K. Origin) & C.M.C. and M.C. paste	6,076



No. of sheets trim after mending and lamination	8,318	• 08.08.2019: 2 students from University of Calcutta, Kolkata
No. of volumes departmentally bound	429	• 28.08.2019: Teachers and students of the KCC Art, Kolkata
No. of volumes spiral binding	42	• 04.11.2019: A team of 2 teachers and 30 students of the Gauhati University, Assam
No. of volumes Ledger books binding	6	• 07.11.2019: A team of 37 students & 2 teachers from Bidhan Nagar College, Kolkata

Visits of Conservation Laboratory by different Institutions:

- 16.05.2019: 30 students & their teacher from Raiganj University
- 11.06.2019: 2 visitors from Lucknow
- 13.06.2019: A team of 6 students from Guwahati, Assam, North Lakhanpur College
- 26.07.2019: A visitor from MAKAIAS, Salt Lake Kolkata
- 30.07.2019: A Research Scholar at Jadavpur University
- 15.01.2020: 2 visitors from Jadavpur University
- 16.01.2020: 2 Army person from Fort William, Kolkata
- 17.01.2020: 2 students from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata
- 12.02.2020: A team of 120 students and their teacher from Garalgacha Balika Vidyalaya
- 20.02.2020: A team of 10 students and their teacher from M. Hassain Teachers Training Institute, Kolkata

Reprography

Reprography is the reproduction of graphics through mechanical or electrical means such as photography or xerography. The section Reprography section of the Asiatic Society is entrusted with the work of photocopy, digitization and general photography. The work done by the Section during the period is described below:

- 1) Photocopy: During the period the section prepared 26,989 photocopies of library materials under Reader service and 1,89,657 photocopies of official documents for official purpose.
- 2) Digitization: Earlier a project had been given to the Section for the digitization of old and rare manuscripts and books of the society to prevent these invaluable collections from frequent handling by users. Later the project was extended

to cope up with the modern technology. Digitization work is carried out with the help of one 'Bookeye 2', one 'Bookeye 4' scanners and digital camera. During the period the section prepared 12,723 exposures of 12,723 folios from 142 manuscripts.

- 3) General Photography: The section is also responsible for making photo coverage of Seminars, Lectures, Workshops organised by the society and also of important dignitaries who visited the Society. These photographs are published regularly in the Monthly Bulletin of the Society. It also takes photographs of books as requisitioned by the Scholars. During the period the Section took 3390 nos. photographs for official purpose.

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Activities of the Academic Section

Academic activities including research, national and international seminars and conferences, workshops, endowment /memorial lectures, special lectures and exhibitions constitute one of the most important frontal activities of the Asiatic Society. A brief overview of such activities organized in 2019-2020 is given below:

1. Research Fellows	:	22
2. Ongoing 'Internal' Research Projects	:	21
3. Ongoing 'External' Research Projects	:	21
4. Research Assistants	:	14
5. International Conferences/Seminar held	:	05
6. National Seminars held	:	24
7. Workshops held	:	05
8. Endowment/Memorial Lectures	:	13
9. Special Lectures	:	11
10. Lectures	:	07
11. Foundation Day Lecture	:	01
12. Book Release Programme	:	05
13. Exhibition	:	04
14. Other Academic Programme	:	09

Details of these research and other academic activities are given below.



A. Internal Research Projects:

The following Research Fellows are engaged in different projects:

1. PROJECT: FOLKLORE AND CULTURE

- Name of the Research Fellow: Sri. Biswajit Biswas
- Name of the Supervisor: Professor Rajat Kanti Das
- Date of joining: 07.06.2017
- Topic: “Matua Religious Sect: A study of Folklore, Spirituality and its acceptance in West Bengal with an Ethnographic lens”
- The term will be completed on 31.12.2020

2. PROJECT : DR. ZAKIR HUSSAIN FELLOWSHIP

- Name of the Research Fellow: Imran Philip
- Name of the Supervisor: Dr. Kaustubh Mani Sengupta
- Date of joining: 20.03.2017
- Topic: Gender, Religion and the Changing Position of Muslim Women in Bengal, (1873-1952)
- The term will be completed on 31.12.2020

3. PROJECT: WOMEN STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Dr. Parama Chatterjee
- Name of the Supervisors: Prof. Ishita Mukhopadhyay and Prof. Ranjana Ray.
- Date of joining: 16.04.2018
- Topic: Socio-Cultural aspects of Menstruation : A Study of Adolescent Girls in West Bengal Compared to two other states of South India
- The term will be completed on 15.04.2021

4. PROJECT: TAGORE STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Smt. Sulagna Saha
- Name of the Supervisor: Dr. Tapati Mukherjee
- Date of joining: 18.04.2018
- Topic: Rabindranath Tagore and Sri Lanka: a Vibrant Encounter
- The term will be completed on 17.04.2021

5. PROJECT: TIBETAN STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Sri Dipankar Salui
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Sanjit Kumar Sadhukhan
- Date of joining: 18.04.2018
- Topic: A Historical Chronology of Indian Kings based on dpag bsam ljonb zang
- The term will be completed on 17.04.2021

6. PROJECT: ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CULTURE

- Name of the Research Fellow: Md. Alamgir Hossain
- Name of the Supervisor : Prof. Sufior Rahaman
- Date of joining: 15.05.2018
- Topic: Bengal Politics as Reflected in the Muslim Edited Print Medias (1906-47)
- The term will be completed on 14.05.2021

7. PROJECT: SARAT CHANDRA ROY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Smt. Amrita Das Gupta
- Name of the Supervisor: Professor Ranjana Ray
- Date of joining: 22.04.2015



- Topic: A study among the migrated tribal groups living in the urban areas of West Bengal: appraisal of cultural heritage.
- The term completed and Final Report submitted on Nov 2020

8. PROJECT: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

- Name of the Research Fellow: Tanaya Afroz
- Name of the Supervisor: Shri Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya
- Date of joining: 20.04.2015
- Topic: Adhunik Bangla Natak Sanglap o tar Bhashasailee (Tripti Mitra)
- The term completed and Final Report submitted on 26.11.2019

9. PROJECT: RAJENDRALALA MITRA FELLOWSHIP IN BUDDHIST STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Sri Priyanku Chakraborty
- Name of the Supervisor: Professor Aiswarya Biswas
- Date of joining: 27.02.2017
- Topic: Buddhism in Tripura : Interpreting Epigraphy, Sculptures and Architectures (c. 6th – 12th Cen. CE)
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

10. PROJECT: SIR WILLIAM JONES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN SANSKRITIC STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow : Smt. Tista Biswas
- Name of the Supervisor : Prof. Tarak Nath Adhikari
- Date of joining: 13.02.2017

- Topic: Some Elements of Vedic Culture as Reflected in the Skanda Purāṇa
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

11. PROJECT: HISTORY OF MEDICINE

- Name of Research Fellow: Sri Apalak Das
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Mahua Sarkar
- Date of joining: 16.02.2017
- Topic: Leprosy in Colonial Bengal: 1873-1955
- The tenure will be completed on 15.02.2020
- Resigned on 06.08.2019

12. PROJECT: HISTORY OF MEDICINE

- Name of the Research Fellow: Sri. Suman Hazra
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Gopal Krishna Chakrabarty
- Date of joining: 10.02.2017
- Topic: “Vaccination and Child Health in Kolkata: From the Colonial to the Present Era”
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

13. PROJECT: HISTORY OF SCIENCE

- Name of Research Fellow: Smt. Sujata Banerjee
- Name of the Supervisor: Professor Arun Bandopadhyay & Professor Rajkumar Roychoudhury
- Date of joining: 21.02.2017
- Topic: Science and Technical Education in India: A study of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (1909-1964)
- The tenure completed on 20.02.2020
- Report will be submitted very soon.

**14. PROJECT: HISTORY OF SCIENCE**

- Name of the Research Fellow: Sunayana Maiti
- Name of Supervisors: Professor Arun Bandopadhyay and Professor Rajkumar Roychoudhury
- Date of joining: 01.03.2017
- Topic :Interface of Scientific and Technological Education, and Industrial Research in India, c.1920s-1960s: The Central Glass and Ceramics Research Institute and the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

15. PROJECT: INDOLOGY

- Name of the Research Fellow: Dr. Praggnaparamita Biswas
- Name of the Supervisor: Dr. Tapati Mukherjee
- Date of joining: 20.03.2017
- Topic: Friedrich Max-Müller's Indology Revisited: A Holistic Approach to Evaluate the Turning Points
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

16. PROJECT: INDOLOGY

- Name of the Research Fellow: Smt. Smita Halder
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Susmita Basu Majumdar
- Date of joining: 15.02.2017
- Topic: Exploring the Malwa Corridor: Looking Beyond Cities and Trade Routes (c. 3rd Century BCE to 3rd Century CE)
- The term completed on 14.02.2020
- Report will be submitted very soon.

17. PROJECT: NORTH-EAST INDIA STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Ms. Mary Vanlalthanpuui
- Name of the Supervisor: Professor Paula Banerjee
- Date of joining: 07.03.2017
- Topic: Women and Church Politics, a study of Mizoram Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church of Mizoram
- The tenure will be completed on 31.12.2020

18. PROJECT: NORTH EAST INDIA RESEARCH STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Smt. Manasi Dilip Nadkarni
- Name of the Supervisor: Shri. Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya
- Date of joining: 31.03.2017
- Topic: The Socio-Linguistic Profile of Kuki-Chin people of Manipur (with special reference to Smite)
- The term completed on 30.03.2020
- Final Report Submitted.

19. PROJECT: VEDIC DICTIONARY OF PROPER NAMES

- Name of the Research Fellows: Samina Yeasmin
- Date of Joining: 19.07.2019
- Date of Completion: 18.07.2021 (2nd year)
- Name of the Research Fellows: Smt. Pranati Ghosal
- Date of Joining: 24.07.2019
- Date of Completion: 23.07.2021 (2nd year)
- Name of the Hony. Project Director: Prof. Samiran Chakraborty



20. PROJECT: PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- Name of the Research Fellows: Sri. Pradyut Shil [Language & Literature]
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Mahidas Bhattacharya
- Date of joining: 27.01.2020
- Topic: 'Vidyasagarer Shiksha o Samajbhanvna Alope Birsimha o Tatsamlagna Gramgular Bartaman Shikshagata Ebong Samajgata Abasthan'
- Date of Completion : 26.01.2021 (1st year)

21. PROJECT: PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- Smt. Basudhita Basu [Social Science]
- Name of the Supervisor: Prof. Swapan Kumar Pramanick
- Date of Joining: 27.01.2020
- Topic: Reconsidering the Reformer: Contribution of Vidyasagar towards Medicine and Health
- Date of Completion: 26.01.2021 (1st year)

B. On-going External Research Projects:

01. PROJECT: COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY OF MODERN BENGAL (1700-1950)

- General Editor: Late Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya.
- Date of commencement of the project: 06.02.2017
- Date of completion: 18.08.2019
- The book is published on January 2020

02. PROJECT: PROJECT: ANCIENT INDIAN CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL SCIENCE AS PROPOUNDED IN SRIKUMARA'S SHILPARATNA

- Project Investigator: Dr. Rita Bhattacharyya
- Date of commencement of the project: 16.03.2015
- Date of completion: 14.09.2019
- Final report is submitted on 08.10.2020

03. PROJECT: LALITKALA O NANDAN TATTVER PARIBHÂSHÂ

- Project Investigator: Dr. Somnath Mukherjee
- Date of commencement of the Project: 22.06.2016
- Date of completion: 30.04.2020
- Interim Report Submitted regularly.

04. PROJECT: A CORPUS OF INSCRIBED IMAGES OF EASTERN INDIA(4TH TO 13TH CENTURIES CE)

- Project Investigators: Professor Goutam Sengupta, Dr. Sayantani Pal and Dr. Rajat Sanyal
- Date of commencement of the project: 01.06.2017
- Date of completion: 31.05.2021
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing.

05. PROJECT: BENGALI TRANSLATION OF SANTAL FOLK TALES COMPILED, TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH FROM SANTALI BY REVEREND P.O. BODDING

- Project Investigator: Shri Kumar Rana.
- Date of commencement of the project: 28.07.2017



- Date of completion: 30.06.2019
- Final report is submitted on 04.11.2020 and sent for publication.

06. PROJECT: ADIVASIS IN WEST BENGAL: A SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS REPORT.

- Project Investigator: Shri Kumar Rana
- Date of commencement of the Project: 01.10.2017
- Date of completion: 31.03.2019
- Published Book/Project report entitled 'The Living World of the Adivasi of West Bengal: Ethnographic Exploration' on 19th February 2020

07. PROJECT: UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS: A CASE OF DENOTIFIED TRIBES IN WEST BENGAL.

- Project Investigator : Dr. Bidhan Kanti Das
- Date of commencement of the Project: 28.02.2018
- Date of completion: 30.04.2021
- Interim Report Submitted regularly.

08. PROJECT: REVISING THE UTOPIA: MOULANA BHASANI AND THE CHAR AREAS IN ASSAM

- Project Investigator: Dr. Gorky Chakraborty
- Date of commencement of the project: 01.03.2017
- Date of completion: 31.01.2021
- Interim Report Submitted regularly.

09. PROJECT: THE ROLE OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY IN SOCIO-CULTURAL SCENARIO OF BENGAL AND IN SHAPING INDO-OCCIDENT IN TERACTION IN EIGHTEENTH AND MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY

- Project Investigator: Prof. Tapati Mukherjee
- Date of commencement of the project: 05.09.2017
- Date of completion: 04.09.2021
- Interim Report Submitted regularly.

10. PROJECT: IMPACT OF ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE ON EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN ENGAGED IN SELF HELP GROUP ACTIVITIES: A STUDY OF SELECTED STATES IN NORTH AND NORTH-EAST INDIA

- Project Investigators: Professor Sharmistha Banerjee & Dr. Arijita Dutta
- Date of Commencement of the Project: 18.09.2017
- Date of completion: 17.09.2019
- Final report submitted and sent to referee for observation on 2020.

11. PROJECT: A DICTIONARY OF BENGALI PREFIXES AND SUFFIXES

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Anita Bandyopadhyay
- Date of Commencement of the project: 01.07.2017
- Date of completion: 15.01.2021
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing.



12. PROJECT: PERFORMING ART AS FOUND IN THE RAMAYANA AND THE MAHABHARATA – A SOCIO-CULTURAL APPROACH

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Bijoya Goswami and Dr. Nandini Bhowmik.
- Date of commencement of the project: 12.10.2017
- Date of completion: 11.10.2020
- Interim report submitted. The work is continuing.

13. PROJECT: SOCIETY AS REFLECTED IN THE PRINCIPAL UPANISADS

- Principal Investigator: Prof. Mrinal Kanti Gangopadhyay
- Date of commencement of the Project: 11.01.2018
- Date of completion: 17.02.2021
- Final report is submitted on November, 2020

14. PROJECT: EDITING AND TRANSLATION OF TWO UNPUBLISHED NAVYA NYAYA MANUSCRIPTS.

- Principal Investigator: Late Prof. Subuddhi Charan Goswami (upto 2019).
- Principal Investigator: Prof. Sanjit Sadhukhan since 11.10.2019
- Date of commencement of the project: 30.09.2018
- Date of completion: 10.10.2021 (2nd year)
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing.

15. PROJECT: RECOVERING THE HISTORY OF AN UNDERPRIVILEGED SOCIAL GROUP: THE VARIED EXPERIENCE OF PULAYAS IN NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURY KERALA

- Principal Investigators: Prof. Rajsekhar Basu and Prof. Arun Kumar Bandyopadhyay.
- Date of commencement of the project: 20.05.2018
- Date of completion: 30.09.2021
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing.

16. PROJECT: A CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY : A TIMELINE STUDY FROM 1784-2018

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Nivedita Ganguly
- Date of commencement of the project: 12.02.2019
- Date of completion: 11.02.2021 (2nd year)
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

17. PROJECT: ETHNOLINGUISTIC STUDY OF CHAKHESANG LANGUAGE : A QUANTITATIVE APPROACH

- Project Investigator: Dr. Sibansu Mukherjee
- Date of commencement: 01.07.2019
- Date of completion: 30.06.2021 (2nd year)
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

18. PROJECT: VAISHNAVA TEMPLES OF NABADWIP AND THE VAISHNAVA COMMUNITY

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Sudhir Chakraborty
- Date of commencement: 12.07.2019



- Date of completion: 11.07.2021(2nd year)
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

19. PROJECT : KARNAPRAKASA -AN IMPORTANT ASTRONOMICAL KARNATAKA TEXT OF THE 11TH CENTURY C. E. CRITICAL EDITION, ENGLISH TRANSLATION

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Somnath Chatterjee
- Date of commencement: 25.10.2019
- Date of completion: 24.10.2021
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

20. PROJECT: FERTILITY CHOICE AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BEHAVIOUR OF WOMEN: A COMPARATIVE STUDY AMONG THE TRIBES OF NORTH -EAST AND CENTRAL INDIA

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Purba Chattopadhyay
- Co-Investigator: Prof. Sudeshna Basu Mukherjee
- Date of commencement: 01.10.2019
- Date of completion: 30.09.2021
- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

21. PROJECT: "A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE ROLE OF ENDANGERED MEDICINAL PLANTS IN INDIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND THEIR CONSERVATION IN COLONIAL BENGAL"

- Principal Investigator: Baisakhi Bandyopadhyay
- Date of commencement: 29.04.2019
- Date of completion: 28.04.2021

- Interim report submitted regularly. The work is continuing

C. Approved External Project Yet to be Commenced

1. 'THE PAIPPALADA-SAMHITA OF THE ATHARVAVEDA-ENGLISH TRANSLATION, INDICES AND AN ACCOUNT OF ITS CONTENTS AND HISTORY'

Principal Investigator of the project: Professor Dipak Bhattacharya.

2. CAN WE PROVE THAT WE NEVER KNOW WRONG? A RE-EVALUATION OF THE PRABHAKARA THEORY OF ERROR'.

Principal Investigator of the project: Dr. Mainak Pal

D. External Research Project: Hosted By The Asiatic Society.

1. Prof. (Dr.) Durga Basu, is working on the project entitled: "Vernacular Temple Architecture of India", with the financial assistance from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

Date of commencement of Research Project 01.01.2019

The work is continuing.

2. Dr. Pranab K. Chattopadhyay, is working on the project entitled "History of Mirrors in Ancient India: Origin & Technology Transfer" with the financial assistance of Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.

Date of Commencement of the project from 1st July, 2017

Project completed on 30.06.2019



E. Lectures/Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops/ Symposium/Colloquium

- During the year 2019-20, a substantial number of academic programmes were organized at the national and international level. In most of the cases the programmes were in collaboration with the Universities or renowned academic institutes. Eminent scholars from different parts of the country and abroad participated in these academic programmes and presented their erudite papers. Co-ordinators of the respective programmes are at present pre-occupied with editing those papers for publications. Proceedings of a few of the conferences have already been published. Some of the proceedings are in the press and work of editing other proceedings of the seminars is continuing.

Here in below, we are giving only the titles of the Lectures/Seminars/Conferences:

F. Academic Programmes : 2019-20

- 5th – 6th April 2019**

A two-day National Seminar on 'Demographics of North-East Region of India' in collaboration with The Asiatic Society and Assam University, Silchar.

- 9th April 2019**

A Book Release Programme on 'Understanding Autism through the Lens of Parents and Professionals, organized at the Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Eminent Cardiologist released a book.

- 10th-11th April 2019**

The Asiatic Society and Autism Society West Bengal & Mental Health Foundation organized the exhibition on 'Art Work of Young Artists with Autism' on 10th-11th April, 2019 between 12.00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Gallery 1 of Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake Campus, The Asiatic Society.

- 16th April 2019**

7th Monthly Special Lecture Remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Dr. UrviMukhopadhyay, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat. Topic: Gandhi and Cinema: Addressing the Masses.

- 22nd to 26th April 2019**

Five days Workshop on History of Science with reference to Birth and development of Modern Science in India (from 1800-1947)

Proposer: Prof. RajkumarRoychoudhury, Physical Science Secretary, The Asiatic Society.

- 26th April 2019**

Performing a play on 'Uncertainty of Principles' by theatre group 'KalyaniMukhosh'

- 29th April 2019**

A-day-long symposium for the commemoration of JallianwalaBagh Massacre, April 13, 1919 Speakers: Prof. Pabitra Sarkar, former Vice-chancellor, RBU, Dr. Amiya K. Samanta, IPS (Retd.) Former Director General of Police, Kolkata

MAY, 2019:

- 6th May 2019**

Annual Presentation Programme 2019 by Research Fellows of the Asiatic Society



- **7th May 2019**

Annual Presentation Programme 2019 by Research Fellows of the Asiatic Society

- **8th May 2019**

Special lecture on Childhood Glaucoma: My 30 years of Journey delivered by Dr. A. K. Mandal, MD (Ophthalmology) of L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad and Dr. Tutul Chakravarti, Senior Faculty in Ophthalmology, VIMS, Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan, Kolkata.

- **10th May 2019**

8th monthly special Lecture on remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Prof. Ram Ahlad Choudhury, Head, Department of Hindi, University of Calcutta.

Topic: The Vision of Gandhi on Hindi Language and its present perspective.

- **21st May 2019**

Annual Presentation Programme 2019 by Research Fellows of The Asiatic Society

JUNE, 2019:

- **3rd June 2019**

Annual General Meeting and Awards Giving Ceremony for the year 2019-2020. On this occasion Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee, Hon'ble Former Chief Justice, High Court of Bombay delivered a lecture on 'The Bengal Renaissance and the Asiatic Society' as Guest-in-Chief and presented the awards to the recipients.

- **17th June 2019**

9th Monthly Special Lecture Remembering Mahatma Gandhi By Prof. Kaushik Mukhopadhyay.

Topic: Gandhi and Cricket in India: A Forgotten Partnership.

- **21st June 2019**

Birth Centenary Celebration of Legendary Sitar Maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar. Proposer: Professor Neela Mazoomdar.

- **24th June 2019 to 25th June 2019**

Two-day Workshop on 'Professional Ethics of Publications' at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 064.

Co-ordinator: Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee, Publication Secretary, The Asiatic Society.

JULY, 2019:

- **9th & 10th July 2019**

Seminar on 'Revisiting the Contributions of Prof. Sukumar Sen'. Co-ordinator: Prof. Mahidas Bhattacharya, Sri ShyamSundar Bhattacharya

- **12th July 2019**

AbhaMaity Memorial Lecture delivered by Nabaneeta Dev Sen on Ramayana among the rural women of India. The title of the lecture is: 'Sisters in Sorrow'.

- **17th July 2019**

10th Monthly Special Lecture Remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Prof. Achin Chakraborty, Professor of Economics and Director, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, Topic: 'In Search of Gandhian Economics'.

- **23rd & 25th July 2019**

Two Day International Seminar on Revisiting the Life and Times of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, jointly organized by Vidyasagar University and The Asiatic Society, Kolkata.



The programme of the first day (23.07.2019) held on the Vidyasagar University Campus. The second day (25.07.2019) Programme held at The Vidyasagar Hall of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

- **26th July 2019**

2nd Dr. Rajendra Lala Mitra Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor K. Paddy, Emeritus Professor and Former Director Deccan College, Pune.

Topic: Learning from the Indological Research of our early Native Scholars.

- **29th July 2019**

Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor H. S. Ananthanarayana Former Professor of Osmania University.

Topic: 'Indian Sources of Western Linguistics'

AUGUST, 2019:

- **8th August 2019**

Lecture on 'Women and Law' on the occasion of the celebration of the International Women's Day 2019, delivered by Smt. Amita Sen, Hony. General Secretary, All Bengal Women's Union, Kolkata.

- **9th August, 2019**

11th Monthly Special Lecture on Remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Professor Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Topic: "Challenges of Education in India: Relevance of Gandhian Thought".

- **13th August 2019**

Professor Maya Deb Memorial Lecture for the year 2018 on 'Selected Psychosocial Issues Related to New Educational Policy' delivered by Prof. Anjali Ray, Former Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta.

- **16th August 2019**

Lecture on 'Rabindranath Tagore and Rural Development: Experiences from Patisar' delivered by Dr. Atiur Rahaman, a famous Economist of Bangladesh and former Governor, Bangladesh Central Bank.

- **29th August 2019**

Commemoration programme of the 148th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Abanindranath Tagore in collaboration with Rekha Chitram and the Asiatic Society.

SEPTEMBER, 2019:

- **3rd to 4th September 2019**

Two-day Seminar-cum-Workshop on Puppetry at the Vidyasagar Hall of the Asiatic Society.

Co-ordinator: Shri Sankar Mukherjee.

- **5th September 2019**

Book Release Programme on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar in collaboration with Vidyasagar Charcha o Gabeshona Kendra on the occasion of the Teacher's Day.

- **12th September 2019**

One-day National Seminar on 'Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy of Education in Modern India. Coordinator: Prof. Susnata Das & Prof. Musaraf Hossain



- **20th September 2019**

12th Monthly Special Lecture on Remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Professor Chinmoy Guha, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University.

Topic: 'Mahatma Gandhi and Romain Rolland: A Quest for Light in Troubled Times'.

- **21st September 2019**

A Special lecture delivered by Professor Parantap Basu of Durham University, UK, in memory of late Professor Arup Mallick of the Department of Economics, Calcutta University. The programme was organised in collaboration with Alumni Association of Calcutta University Economics Department, and the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

Topic: 'Inequality: Growth, Social Mobility and Innovations'

- **25th September 2019**

Unveiling the portrait of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar on the occasion of 200th Birth Celebration programme on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar.

Lecture by Prof. Sukanta Chaudhury, Emeritus Professor of Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Topic: 'Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar's Contribution to Scholarship, Society and Culture'

An exhibition was inaugurated on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar as printer and publisher.

- **26th to 27th September 2019**

A Two-day International Seminar held on Probing Social Reform in India in the Nineteenth Century: Vidyasagar's Legacy in the Long Run' Joint Co-ordinators: Prof. Arun

Bandyopadhyay and Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee.

OCTOBER, 2019:

- **21st to 25th October 2019**

5 day International event on Translating Bodo Short Stories in collaboration with the Centre for Translation of India Literatures, Jadavpur University, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata and The University of East Anglia, U. K. Co-ordinator: Prof. Sayantan Das Gupta, H.O.D. Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University. Joint Co-ordinators: Prof. Tapati Mukherjee, Prof. Mahidas Bhattacharya, Dr. Chandramalli Sengupta.

- **22nd to 24th October 2019**

International Seminar on Satyagrah in the Twenty-First Century, Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of the Global Pursuits of Truth', jointly organized by Council for Social Development, India International Centre, Interfaith Foundation of India, Raza Foundation, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, Kirorimal College, University of Delhi, Orfalea Centre for Global and International Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, REGGEN, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, University of South Africa, Institute of Social and Health Sciences, SAGE Publications, Bandung Spirit Network, held on 22nd to 24th October-2019 Venue India International Centre, New Delhi, Multipurpose Hall and Seminar Rooms-1, II and III Kamladevi Complex .

NOVEMBER, 2019:

- **1st November 2019**

Abha Maiti Annual Memorial Lecture for the year 2017 by Dr. Subhas Chandra



Bandhopadhyay. Former Secretary, Art, Commerce, C.U. Topic: Historical attitude of India in the literature of Rabindranath Tagore.

- **7th to 8th November 2019**

Two day collaborative seminar on '100 years of Anthropology in India' Coordinator: V. K. Srivastava. Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Professor Sarit Chowdhury Director IGRMS, Bhopal and Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti General Secretary, The Asiatic Society Kolkata,

The programme of the first day (07.11.2019) held at the venue of The Asiatic Society, Salt lake Campus. The programme of the second day (08.11.19) held at The Asiatic Society, Park Street.

- **8th to 9th November 2019**

Two-day National Seminar on 'Rajbanshi Language' organized in collaboration with the Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar.

- **14th & 15th November 2019**

Two-day Seminar on 'Language Communication and Conflict in South and South East Asia' Joint Co-ordinators: Dr. Aditi Dutta and Dr. Sunandandan Kumar Sen

- **18th November 2019**

A documentary film show on the postage stamps for Independence on 'Swadhinatar Dac' by Madam Nasrin Islam, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- **22nd November 2019**

Quiz Competition on Vidyasagar Organized by Asiatic Society Recreation Club: at Vidyasagar Hall at 2:30 p.m.

- **26th November 2019**

Special Lecture delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Arunava Mazumder, former Professor, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health and Prof. Pradip Kumar Mitra, director, Medical Education, Govt. of West Bengal.

Topic: 'Water Crisis, Conservation and Human Health'

- **28th November 2019**

Lecture on 'Sanskrit and Lithuania: On Linguistic and Religious Affinities' delivered by Professor Audrius Beinorius, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

DECEMBER, 2019:

- **10th December 2019**

Prof. Tanika Sarkar, Former Professor, J.N.U, delivered Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar Memorial Lecture, 2018.

Topic: Indian Liberals in a Conservative Empire: The case of the Colonial Personal Laws.

- **14th December 2019**

Professor Ashok Kumar Das, eminent historian from Santiniketan, delivered Professor Aniruddha Roy memorial Lecture on 14th December 2019 This program was jointly organized with Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad.

- **16th to 20th December 2019**

Five-day Workshop on Folklore. The title of the workshop is Language & Aesthetics of Folklore Coordinators: Prof. Ranjana Ray & Dr. Chandramalli Sengupta

- **20th December 2019**

A Research Meet on 20th December, 2019 in collaboration with The Asiatic Society, Kolkata



and University of Leeds-Manchester-Edinburgh. The theme of the colloquium is 'The Outsider from Within: Indian Anthropologists and the birth of the Nation'.

- **20th December 2019**

One-day Seminar on 'Salient areas of Human Rights Violation in the Life Situation of Persons with Mental Illness' is organized by the Savac, (Mental Health and Human Rights Resource Centre, Kolkata) supported by National Human Rights Commission in association with the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

- **23rd December 2019**

Dr. U. N. Bramhachari Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Saha, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata. Topic: Kala-azar & Prof. Gautam Kumar Aditya, Department of Zoology, University of Calcutta. Topic: Dengue fever.

- **25th to 31st December 2019**

Art Exhibition at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan of the Asiatic Society, Salt Lake Campus in collaboration with Rekha Chitram. Co-ordinator: Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee

- **27th December 2019**

A Sit and Draw competition on 'Vidyasagar and His Time' organized by Rekha Chitram in collaboration with the Asiatic Society on 27th December, 2019 at the Salt Lake Campus. Co-ordinator: Dr. Ramkrishna Chatterjee

- **27th December 2019**

Dr. Kalyan Rudra delivered a lecture on Awareness Programme as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva at the Auditorium of Rajendralala Bhavan of the Asiatic Society.

- **31st December 2019**

Awareness Programme as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva Lecture delivered by Shri Subhas Datta

JANUARY, 2020:

- **3rd January 2020**

Professor Suranjan Das, Vice-chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, delivered a lecture in the memory of renowned historian late Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya.

- **4th January 2020**

L. P. Tessitori Memorial Lecture in collaboration with Rajasthani Pracharini Sabha and The Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

- **10th January 2020**

Dr. Biman Bihari Memorial Lecture 2018. Speaker: Prof. Radhavallabh Tripathi, former Vice-Chancellor Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.

Topic: 'Hooghly Sastrartha'.

- **13th to 14th January 2020**

Two day Seminar-cum-Workshop on 'Contribution of Women Scientists in Developing Indian Science & Society', in collaboration with AIPSN and the Asiatic Society, Kolkata. Co-ordinator: Professor Arunabha Misra,

- **15th January 2020**

237th Foundation Day Celebration: Chief Guest: Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Patron of the Asiatic Society Foundation day Oration by Professor Arvind P. Jamkhedkar, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research. Topic: 'Manuscript Collections as Source of History'



- **27th January 2020**

Book Release Ceremony in collaboration with The Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Primus Books
Name of the book: A Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal, 1700-1950 (3 Vols.), edited by late Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya. A set of three books were released and a lecture was delivered by Prof. Dipesh Chakrabarty, Professor of History, Chicago University, USA.

FEBRUARY, 2020:

- **2nd February 2020**

Book Release Ceremony in the Kolkata Book Fair 2020. Name of the book: A Santali translation of Rabindranath Tagore's *Vidyasagar Charit* by Professor Boro Baske of Santiniketan.

- **4th February 2020**

A seminar was held at Stall No. F15 of the International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 on "Vidyasagar and Women's Education". Speakers: Professor Miratun Nahar, Professor Uttara Chakraborty and Professor Tapati Mukhopadhyay

Special Lecture delivered by Dr. David Curtley, Emeritus Professor at Western Washington University, USA. Proposer: Prof. Arun Bandyopadhyay. Topic: Religion and Politics in Bijayram Sen's Tirthamangal.

- **5th February 2020**

National Seminar held at Stall No. F15 of the International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 on Vidyasagar and Contemporary Bengali Intellectuals Speakers : Dr. Soumendranath Bera and Professor Pabitra Kumar Sarkar.

Annual Presentation Programme[3rd year] by the Research Fellows in the premises of the Society.

- **7th February 2020**

Seminar held at Stall No. F15 of the International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 on the Role of Vidyasagar in Development of Modern Bengali Prose. Speakers: Professor Amiya Kumar Deb, Shri Manoj Bhattacharya, former MP, Shri Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya and Dr. Jyoti Bhusan Datta.

- **8th February 2020**

Quiz competition on Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and His times. Conducted by Dr. Nirmal Bandyopadhyay and Dr. Jagatpati Sarkar.

- **14th February 2020**

One day programme for celebrating the 200th Birth Anniversary of Akshay Kumar Datta (15.07.1820-18.05.1886) Co-ordinators: Prof. Syamal Chakrabarti & Prof. Satyabati Giri.

- **15th February 2020**

Celebration of 199th Birth Anniversary of Rajendralala Mitra, the first Indian President of the Asiatic Society.

On this occasion an Exhibition on 'First Bengali Illustrated Magazine: Bibidhartha Sangraha (1851-1856)' was put up at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake campus, Kolkata.

Two lectures were delivered by Prof. Swapan Basu and Prof. Tapati Mukhopadhyay. Topic: Rajendralala Mitra and his contributions to the development of Bengali Journalism.

- **19th February 2020**

Release of Study Report on 'The Living World of the Adivasi of West Bengal: Ethnographic Exploration' by Prof. Amartya sen, Nobel Laureate, in collaboration with Pratichi Indian Trust.



- **21st February 2020**

Programme for Antarjatic Bhasa Dibas organized by Recreation Club, The Asiatic Society at the Vidyasagar Hall.

- **22nd February 2020**

Annual Meet of INCAA, a collaborating programme with the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manab Sangrahalaya, Bhopal [2nd day, i.e. 22.02.2020] at the Asiatic Society.

- **23rd February 2020**

Celebrating 100 years of Institute of Engineers held at the Vidyasagar Hall of the Asiatic Society [1st meeting was held on 1921].

- **27th February 2020**

Annual Presentation Programme by the Research Fellows in the premises of the Society.

MARCH, 2020:

- **2nd& 3rd March 2020**

Extending Horizon of India Anthropology: Contemporary Research and Emerging Interdisciplinary Concerns: A Collaborative Seminar in collaboration with Department of Anthropology, R.G. University, Arunachal Pradesh and The Asiatic Society, Kolkata. Venue: RGU, Arunachal Pradesh.

- **4th March 2020**

One-day International Seminar on 'Vidyasagar's Life and Works and its impact on Modern India' organized by Iswarchandra Vidyasagar Bicentenary Birth Day Celebration Committee, Kolkata, in collaboration with the Asiatic Society, Kolkata. Co-ordinators: Proposer: Prof.

Susnata Das, Dr. Sankar Kumar Nath, Prof. Syamal Chakrabarti & Prof. Ananda Deb Mukherjee.

- **5th& 6th March 2020**

Annual Presentation Programme[3rd year] by the Research Fellows in the premises of the Society.

- **6th& 7th March 2020**

Two-day National Seminar on 'Excursions in History: Power and Contestation in the Historical Writings of North-East India' held at Conference hall (311), Cotton University, Guwahati in collaboration with the Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Department of History, Cotton University, Guwahati. Convenor: Dr. RituThaosen, Head of the Department of History, Cotton University.

- **12th March 2020**

K. K. Handique Memorial Lecture by Dr. Mukundakam Sharma, Former Justice, the Supreme Court of India. Topic: 'Law& Religion'.

- **13th March 2020**

A Seminar for celebrating 150 years of Periodic Table of Chemical Elements by Russian Chemist Mendeleeev.

Convenor: Prof. Dulal C Mukherjee, Life Member, The Asiatic Society.

- **13th March 2020**

One-day Seminar on Historical Links to Contemporary Convergences of India-Japan Relations.

Convener: Prof. Lipi Ghosh.

FINANCE, ACCOUNTS, BUDGET & AUDIT

- In compliance with the directives of the Ministry of Culture, the Society has successfully implemented the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) during 2019-20, effective from 08.11.2019 and all payment transactions since then, have been made through the EAT Module of PFMS.

STAFF TRAINING:

- Museum Section arranged Two-day Staff Training Programme (on display and exhibition) cum Workshop in September (13th – 14th September 2019).
- The security personnel were trained by the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) for handling the CCTV system on a day to day basis.
- The training was imparted to the security personnel on handling and operations of the portable fire extinguishers installed by The Ceasefire Industries Pvt. Limited.

SWACHHTA ACTION PLAN (SAP)

- The Society has organized various programmes under the “Swachhata Action Plan” spread over the entire year to create awareness on “Swachhata” by undertaking awareness programmes (Swachhwata Abhijan)



- Special cleaning drives at different sections/buildings of the Society have also been organized at different times of the year as per the guidelines provided by the Ministry under SAP.

being maintained properly. Backup of servers [Library Automation Software-LibSys, Digital Archive-DSpace] are being taken regularly.

PRESENCE IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA

- In the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Asiatic-Society-Kolkata-455881717925308>) of the Society, more than 1350 new followers have been added in the said time. More than 140 new posts have been made and the total reach of these posts is to more than 1 lakh 70 thousand people.
- The Twitter Account of the Society (https://twitter.com/asiatic_society) has done more than 85 tweets, more than 110 re-tweets in this period with a total reach of more than 30,000 of its programme.
- The YouTube Channel of the Society (<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheAsiaticSociety>) also been started in this year and few videos were uploaded also with good response all over the world.

WEBSITE

- The website of the Society (www.asiatic-societykolkata.org) is maintained and updated on regular basis. Each and every Bulletin and Journal of the Society of the period are uploaded in the website for the readers all around the globe.

SERVER AND COMPUTERS

- Network Switches, Servers and Computers (both Desktop and Laptop) and other accessories (Printer, Scanners, cables etc) are

HINDI PROGRAMME

भारत सरकार की राजभाषा नीति के प्रति एशियाटिक सोसाइटी, कोलकाता में पर्याप्त जागरूकता है और संस्था द्वारा हिंदी के प्रगामी प्रयोग की दिशा में काफी सक्रियता है। सोसाइटी में केंद्र सरकार के राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा जारी दिशानिर्देशों का पालन किया जाता है। सोसाइटी के कर्मचारियों को हिंदी का कार्यसाधक ज्ञान प्रदान करने हेतु उन्हें समय-समय पर हिंदी प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम में नामित किया जाता है और प्राप्त ज्ञान को व्यवहार में लाने हेतु हिंदी कार्यशालाओं का आयोजन किया जाता है, जिसमें राजभाषा अधिनियम, नियम और अन्य दिशानिर्देशों की भी जानकारी दी जाती है। सोसाइटी में अपेक्षानुसार हिंदी में पत्राचार भी किए जाते हैं।

भारत के संविधान में राजभाषा के रूप में हिंदी को अपनाए जाने की स्मृति में प्रतिवर्ष हिंदी दिवस का आयोजन किया जाता है। इस अवसर पर अन्य कार्यक्रमों के अतिरिक्त हिंदी के प्रयोग के प्रति कर्मचारियों में उत्साह भरने के लिए कई कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया जाता है। समीक्षाधीन वर्ष के दौरान दिनांक 14.08.2020 को हिंदी दिवस समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर दो अतिथि वक्ताओं को आमंत्रित किया गया, जिन्होंने देश में भाषायी एकता की दृष्टि से राजभाषा के महत्व पर अपने सुचिंतित विचार प्रस्तुत किए।

हिंदी दिवस समारोह के दौरान कर्मचारियों में हिंदी के प्रयोग के प्रति रुचि जागृत करने और उनके हिंदी ज्ञान को बढ़ावा देने हेतु आशु भाषण प्रतियोगिता और अन्य प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की गईं, जिनमें निर्णायक मंडलों ने प्रतिभागियों के अर्जित ज्ञान और प्रस्तुति के आधार पर उन्हें पुरस्कृत करने हेतु अपनी संस्तुति दी। पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के दौरान विजयी प्रतियोगियों को पुरस्कार प्रदान किए गए।

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<i>Senior Cataloguer</i> |
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<i>Senior Assistant</i> | 44. Dr. Jagatpati Sarkar
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| 61. Shri Kalyan Roy
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| 63. Shri Subrata Mukherjee
<i>Junior Assistant</i> | 82. Shri Tapan Ghatak
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<i>Lower Division Clerk</i> |
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<i>Junior Assistant</i> | 86. Shri Ashim Krishna Roy
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<i>Junior Assistant</i> | 87. Smt. Mala Chatterjee
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<i>Lower Division Clerk</i> | 109. Shri Rabindranath Dey
<i>Binder/Mender</i> |
| 91. Smt. Pranati Mitra
<i>Lower Division Clerk</i> | 110. Shri Alip Ghosh
<i>Binder/Mender</i> |
| 92. Smt. Chhanda De
<i>Lower Division Clerk</i> | 111. Shri Somnath Bhattacharyya (2)
<i>Binder/Mender</i> |
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<i>Lower Division Clerk</i> | 112. Shri Sankar Das
<i>Binder/Mender</i> |
| 94. Ms. Sudipta Naskar
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| 97. Shri Biswanath Nandy
<i>Head Security Guard</i> | 116. Shri Sushil Chanda
<i>Attendant</i> |
| 98. Shri Badal Chatterjee
<i>Head Security Guard</i> | 117. Shri Radhyshyam Mishra
<i>Attendant</i> |
| 99. Shri Gouranga Samal
<i>Head Security Guard</i> | 118. Shri Kali Charan Shaw
<i>Attendant</i> |
| 100. Mustaque Hossian
<i>Head Security Guard</i> | 119. Shri Goutam Das
<i>Attendant</i> |
| 101. Shri Chakradhar Bera
<i>Driver</i> | 120. Smt. Sabitri Dasgupta
<i>Attendant</i> |
| 102. Shri Dulal Chandra Dey
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<i>Junior Attendant</i> |
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<i>Carpenter</i> | 124. Shri Tapan Ghorai
<i>Junior Attendant</i> |
| 106. Shri Asto Ghosh
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<i>Junior Attendant</i> |
| 107. Shri Shyamal Mondal
<i>Liftman</i> | 126. Shri Biswajit Ghosh
<i>Junior Attendant</i> |



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<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 146. Shri Shibaji Pandey
<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 128. Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh
<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 147. Shri Tarakeswar Chowbey
<i>Security Guard</i> |
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<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 148. Shri Bansi Bewra
<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 130. Shri Ranjit Singh
<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 149. Shri Raj Kumar Prasad
<i>Security Guard</i> |
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<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 132. Shri PremSankar Singh
<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 151. Shri Shiboprasad Banerjee
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<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 136. Shri Rajesh Polai
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<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 160. Shri Atanu Batabyal
<i>Security Guard</i> |
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<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 161. Shri Anjan Ganguly
<i>Security Guard [Retired on 30.10.2019]</i> |
| 143. Shri Bhagyajay Satapathy
<i>Junior Attendant</i> | 162. Shri Ashok Kumar Roy
<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 144. Shri Harish Das
<i>Security Guard</i> | 163. Shri Basudeb Das
<i>Security Guard</i> |
| 145. Shri Uttam Das
<i>Security Guard</i> | 164. Shri Pranab Majee
<i>Security Guard</i> |



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| <p>165. Shri Uttam Santra
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>166. Shri Nihar Ranjan Majumder
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>167. Shri Tapan Kumar Das
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>168. Shri Bharat Hela
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>169. Smt. Laxmi Hela
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>170. Shri Safiq Ali Khan
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>171. Shri Sandeep Rajoria
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>172. Ms Parul Debi
<i>Safaiwala</i></p> <p>173. Shri Bairagi Charan Mahapatra
<i>Gardener [Retired on 31.05.2019]</i></p> <p>174. Shri Banibrata Bhattacharya
<i>System Engineer [Contractual Basis]</i></p> | <p>175. Smt. Suranjana Choudhury
<i>Publication Assistant cum Proof Reader</i>
<i>[Contractual Basis]</i></p> <p>176. Shri Chandan Adhikary
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>177. Shri Ratan Dutta
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>178. Shri Guddu Prasad
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>179. Shri Rajesh Kr. Pandey
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>180. Shri Chhattu Sarkar
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>181. Shri Ekramul Haque
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>182. Shri Bikesh Kumar Singh
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> <p>183. Ms Shilpa Kar
<i>Casual Labourer</i></p> |
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The Asiatic Society Kolkata

Audit Report 2019-20

* As adopted in 237th Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata held on 7th June, 2021.

Annual Audit Report 2019 - 2020

SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, KOLKATA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, as at 31 March 2020, the Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account, for the year ended on that date, under section 19(2) of the Comptroller and Auditor general's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service), Act, 1971, read with Section- 5 (2) of The Asiatic Society Act, 1984. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements, based on our audit.

2. This Separate Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only, with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards, and disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on financial transactions, with regard to compliance with the Law, Rules & regulations (i.e. Propriety and Regulatory) and efficiency-cum-performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/ CAG's Audit Reports separately.
3. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
4. Based on our audit, we report that:
 - i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
 - ii) The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and receipts & Payments Account, dealt with by this report, have been drawn up in the format prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.



iii) In our opinion, proper books of accounts and other relevant records have been maintained by The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, as required, insofar as it appears from our examination of such books.

iv) We further report that Comments on Accounts

A] Balance Sheet

1.1] Liabilities

1.1.1] Capital Fund (Schedule - 1): Rs. 44.17 crore

The above head was overstated by Rs.8.06 crore with corresponding understatement of "Current Liabilities and Provision" (Schedule - 7), overstatement of "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" (Schedule - 11) and understatement of "Fixed Assets" (Schedule - 8) by Rs.7.75 crore, Rs.0.39 crore and Rs.0.08 crore respectively as detailed below:

- (a) As and when TAS receives grants for the purpose of "Creation of Capital Assets (CCA)" from the Ministry, they are transferred to the "Capital fund", instead of being utilized. This practice resulted in overstatement of the 'Capital Fund' and understatement of the "Current liability and provisions", by Rs. 7.74 crore each, during the financial year 2019-20, as detailed below:
 - (i) The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 2.01 crore each, due to addition of un-utilized fund for 'CCA'.
 - (ii) The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 4.82 crore each, due to addition of un-utilized amount of Rs. 4.82 crore, out of the advance of Rs. 12.06 crore, paid to CPWD, for 'Vertical Extension of existing building', to the 'Capital Fund'.
 - (iii) The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.13 crore, paid to CPWD for 'Installation of AC system' to the 'Capital Fund'.
 - (iv) The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.78 crore each, due to addition of the un-utilized advance of Rs. 0.78 crore, paid towards journal subscription, to the 'Capital Fund'.
 - (v) The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.01 crore each, due to refund of an advance of Rs. 0.01 crore, to TAS, by M/s Vijoya Subscription and Distribution, against advance payment to journal subscription, and addition of the un-utilized amount of Rs. 0.01 crore, to the 'Capital Fund'.
- (b) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the MoC and TAS, for the financial year 2019-20, all interest and other earnings against the Grants-in-aid and advances, were to be mandatorily remitted to the Government of India (Gol), immediately after finalization of the accounts. TAS had earned Rs 0.43 crore as interest on the grants received by it, and it recognized this amount as 'Income', instead of showing it as being payable to the Gol. Moreover, TAS earned Rs. 0.39 crore, as interest on the grants received by it during the financial year 2018-19, and recognized it as 'Income'. It transferred this amount to the head 'Capital Fund', instead of transferring it to the head 'remitted to Consolidated Fund of India', resulting in overstatement of both-the 'Capital Fund', as well as the Current Assets, Loans and Advances' by Rs. 0.82 crore each.

1.1.2] Current Liabilities and Provisions (Schedule -7): Rs. 3.15 crore

In its 'Significant Accounting Policies', TAS disclosed the payment to its retirees had been accounted for



on 'actual payment' basis, retaining the provisions made towards retirement benefits (Gratuity and Leave Encashment) in the financial year 2017-18, at the same level, during the financial year 2019-20 as well, pending actuarial valuation. It was, however, evident from records that the provision of Rs.2.00 crore, towards retirement benefits had been made without having any confirmation from the 'Actuary', and the retirement benefit had been discharged on actual basis, without adjusting the provisioned amount. This resulted in overstatement of "Current liabilities and Provisions", and understatement of "Capital Fund" by Rs.2.00 crore each. Further, in contravention of Accounting Standard-15, no actuarial provision was made for retirement benefits and leave encashment.

1.2] Assets

1.2.1] Fixed Assets (Schedule-8): Rs. 24.30 crore

The above head was understated by Rs. 2.73 crore with corresponding overstatement of "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" by Rs. 2.73 crore as detailed below:

- (a) TAS transferred assets valuing Rs. 4.51 crore from WIP to 'Fixed Assets' during the financial year 2019-20, even though the value of civil work completed, and handed over to it, by the CPWD, was Rs. 5.05 crore. This resulted in understatement of "Fixed assets" and overstatement of "Current assets, loan and advances" by Rs. 0.54 crore.
- (b) 'Fixed Assets' were understated by Rs. 2.19 crore, due to non-transfer of value of 'Augmented Electrical Work' of 4th and 5th floor of Park Street Building, completed during the financial year, from "Current assets, loan and advances" to "Fixed assets". Consequently there was overstatement "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" by Rs. 2.19crore.

B] Income Expenditure Account

2.1] Expenditure

2.1.1] Depreciation (Sch-8): Rs.1.68 crore

- (a) Depreciation was undercharged by Rs. 0.09 crore as detail below:
 - (i) TAS charged full depreciation @10% on the assets, 'Two additional floor a top the New Building of the Society', considering date of completion i.e. 30.05.2019 (as per completion certificate), instead of depreciation @5% admissible from the date of utilization i.e. 12.12.2019, as stipulated in the Income Tax Act, 1961. This resulted in understatement of excess of income over expenditure by, Rs. 0.20 crore.
 - (ii) TAS did not charge depreciation 'Two additional floors atop the New Building of the Society' valuing Rs.2.19 crore, even though it had been completed and handed over by CPWD during the financial year. This resulted in overstatement of excess of 'Income over Expenditure' by Rs. 0.11 crore.

C] General

- 3.1] An amount of Rs. 0.71 lakh was shown as liabilities towards sundry creditors. These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2013-14. Since they are more than seven years old, they need to be credited to the Income', after conducting a proper review in this regard.
- 3.2] An amount of Rs. 2.15 lakh was shown in "Miscellaneous Liabilities", under the head Advance to Others'. These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2013-14. Since they are more than seven years old, they need to be credited to the income, after conducting proper review in this regard.



- 3.3] An amount of Rs. 1.98 lakh was shown as liabilities towards pay attachment Rs. 0.05 lakh), Group Insurance Rs. 0.01 lakh), Employee's contribution to CGHS (Rs. 0.07 lakh) and General Provident Fund (Rs. 1.85 lakh). These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2015-16. Since the liabilities were more than 5 years old, they need to be reviewed.
- 3.4] Rent Receivable' and "Subscription Receivable, amounting to Rs. 38.65 lakh and 17.48 lakh, respectively, need to be reviewed, because they are being accumulated every year.

D] Grants-in-Aid

TAS is financed by the grants received from Government of India. During the financial year 2019-20, it received grants amounting to Rs.23.74 crore. Out of these, it incurred total expenditure of Rs.22.73 crore during the financial year, leaving an unspent balance of Rs.1.01 crore.

E] Net Effect

The net effect of the comments given in the preceding paragraphs was that both the Assets and Liabilities were overstated by Rs.0.82 crore, as at 31st March 2020, while the excess of Income over Expenditure was understated by Rs.0.09 crore, for the year ended 31st March 2020.

F] Management Letter

Deficiencies which have not been included in the Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the General Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, through a Management Letter, issued separately, for remedial / corrective action.

- v) Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and Receipts & Payments Account, dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of accounts.
- vi) In our opinion, and to the best of our information, and according to the explanations given to us, the said financial statements, read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes on Accounts, and subject to the significant matters stated above and other matters mentioned in Annexure to this Report, give a true and fair view, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India.
- a) insofar as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata as at 31st March 2020, and
- b) insofar as it relates to Income & Expenditure Account of the Surplus, for the year ended on that date.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 01.04.2021

Sd/-
(Deepak Narain)
Director General of Audit
Central (Kolkata)



Annexure

A. Adequacy of Internal Audit system

The Internal Audit System is not adequate, on the account of following:

- i) No Internal Audit Manual is in use.
- ii) There is no Internal Audit wing in the Society. The activities of the Society are periodically being audited, through the internal audit wing of the Ministry of Culture.

B. Adequacy of the Internal Control System

The Internal Control System of the Society is not adequate, in the following areas:

- i) Its organizational chart does not clearly indicate the allocation of duties and responsibilities of its officials and employees.
- ii) Its head of accounts are not coded.
- iii) It does not have a proper mechanism for adjustment of long pending advances paid to its staff and other persons / entities.
- iv) It is not maintaining a Bill register, nor is it maintaining an Expenditure Control Register.
- v) Cash disbursement is being allowed out of the cash receipts of the Society.
- vi) Cheque protectors are not being used.
- vii) No schedule of dates has been prepared in regard to recurring payments, such as E.P.F., TDS, Telephone Bills, Electricity Bills, etc.
- viii) There is no Centralized Purchasing System in place.
- ix) No norms have been fixed in regard to stock levels to be held for different consumable stocks, so that the stock levels can be maintained accordingly.

C. System of Physical Verification of Fixed Assets and Inventory

TAS did not maintain a 'Fixed Assets Register'. Further, no physical verification of the 'Fixed Assets' (including inventories) had been conducted during the financial year 2019-20.

D. Statutory Liabilities

TAS did not settle overdue statutory liabilities of Rs.1.01 lakh, comprising of 'Profession Tax' (Rs.0.13 lakh) and 'Income Tax' (Rs.0.88 lakh), which have been outstanding since the financial year 2014-15, and prior to the financial year 2017-18 respectively.



THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, KOLKATA

REPLY OF THE SOCIETY ON THE COMMENTS ON ACCOUNTS MADE IN THE SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, KOLKATA FOR THE YEAR 2019-20, AUDITED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AUDIT (CENTRAL), KOLKATA UNDER SECTION 19 (2) OF COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL'S (DUTIES, POWERS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) ACT OF 1971

Item	Comments on Accounts by the Audit	Reply of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
A	Balanncce Sheet	
11.1 1.1.1	Liabilities Capital Fund (Schedule - 1): Rs. 44.17 crore The above head was overstated by Rs.8.06 crore with corresponding understatement of "Current Liabilities and Provision" (Schedule - 7), overstatement of "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" (Schedule - 11) and understatement of "Fixed Assets" (Schedule - 8) by Rs.7.75 crore, Rs.0.39 crore and Rs.0.08 crore respectively as detailed below:	Accounting of Grants-in-aid received from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India have been accounted in uniform pattern on year-to-year basis.
1.1.1 (a)	As and when TAS receives grants for the purpose of "Creation of Capital Assets (CCA)" from the Ministry, they are transferred to the "Capital fund", instead of being utilized. This practice resulted in overstatement of the 'Capital Fund' and understatement of the "Current liability and provisions", by Rs. 7.74 crore each, during the financial year 2019-20, as detailed below:	
(i)	The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 2.01 crore each, due to addition of un-utilized fund for 'CCA'.	(i) Unutilized amount of Grants-in-aid under the head of Creation of Assets for Rs.2.01 crore has been shown as unspent balance in the Utilisation Certificates of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2019-20.
(ii)	The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 4.82 crore each, due to addition of un-utilized amount of Rs. 4.82 crore, out of the advance of Rs. 12.06 crore, paid to CPWD, for 'Vertical Extension of existing building', to the 'Capital Fund'.	(ii) Since the Utilization Certificate (U.C) of Grants-in-aid of a year are prepared on the basis of Receipts & Payments Account, therefore the entire amount of Advance paid to CPWD for Rs.12.06 crore had already been shown as utilization of Funds in the earlier year under the head of Grant-in-aid Creation of Assets.



Item	Comments on Accounts	Reply of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
(iii)	The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.13 crore, paid to CPWD for 'Installation of AC system' to the 'Capital Fund'.	(iii) Amount paid to CPWD for Rs.0.13 crore towards 'Installation of AC system' has been shown as utilisation of funds under the head of Grant-in-aid Creation of Assets in the Utilization Certificate of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2019-20.
(iv)	The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.78 crore each, due to addition of the un-utilized advance of Rs. 0.78 crore, paid towards journal subscription, to the 'Capital Fund'.	(iv) Unutilised amount of Advance payment for Journal subscription for Rs.0.78 crore had already been treated as utilization of funds in the earlier year under the head of Grant-in-aid General.
(v)	The "Capital Fund" was overstated and "Current liability and provisions" were understated, by Rs. 0.01 crore each, due to refund of an advance of Rs. 0.01 crore, to TAS, by M/s Vijoya Subscription and Distribution, against advance payment to journal subscription, and addition of the un-utilized amount of Rs. 0.01 crore, to the 'Capital Fund'.	(v) Since the refund amounting to Rs.0.01 crore has made by M/s Vijoya Subscription and Distribution against the advance payment made in the previous year for journal subscription has been adjusted accordingly in the Utilization Certificate for the year 2019-20 under the head of Grant-in-aid General.
1.1.1 (b)	As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the MoC and TAS, for the financial year 2019-20, all interest and other earnings against the Grants-in-aid and advances, were to be mandatorily remitted to the Government of India (Gol), immediately after finalization of the accounts. TAS had earned Rs 0.43 crore as interest on the grants received by it, and it recognized this amount as 'Income', instead of showing it as being payable to the Gol. Moreover, TAS earned Rs. 0.39 crore, as interest on the grants received by it during the financial year 2018-19, and recognized it as 'Income'. It transferred this amount to the head 'Capital Fund', instead of transferring it to the head 'remitted to Consolidated Fund of India', resulting in overstatement of both-the 'Capital Fund', as well as the Current Assets, Loans and Advances' by Rs. 0.82 crore each.	Accounting of all interest and other earnings against the Grants-in-aid received from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India have been accounted in uniform pattern on year-to-year basis and the same have been capitalized over the years.



Item	Audit Observations	Reply of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
1.1.2	Current Liabilities and Provisions (Schedule -7): Rs. 3.15 crore It is 'Significant Accounting Policies', TAS disclosed the payment to its retirees had been accounted for on 'actual payment' basis, retaining the provisions made towards retirement benefits (Gratuity and Leave Encashment) in the financial year 2017-18, at the same level, during the financial year 2019-20 as well, pending actuarial valuation. It was, however, evident from records that the provision of Rs.2.00 crore, towards retirement benefits had been made without having any confirmation from the 'Actuary', and the retirement benefit had been discharged on actual basis, without adjusting the provisioned amount. This resulted in overstatement of "Current liabilities and Provisions", and understatement of "Capital Fund" by Rs.2.00 crore each. Further, in contravention of Accounting Standard-15, no actuarial provision was made for retirement benefits and leave encashment.	Necessary rectifications have been made in the books of accounts for the year 2020-21 and adjustment entry has been passed vide Journal Voucher No. J-65 dated 19.02.2021 against provisions made towards retirement benefits (Gratuity and Leave Encashment) in the financial year 2017-18. Since the payment of Retirement benefits comprising Gratuity and Leave Encashment are made on cash basis and provided in budget on year-to-year basis, no such provision is made in FY 2019-20.
1.2	Assets	
1.2.1	Fixed Assets (Schedule-8): Rs. 24.30 crore The above head was understated by Rs. 2.73 crore with corresponding overstatement of "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" by Rs. 2.73 crore with as detailed below:	
(a)	TAS transferred assets valuing Rs. 4.51 crore from WIP to 'Fixed Assets' during the financial year 2019-20, even though the value of civil work completed, and handed over to it, by the CPWD, was Rs. 5.05 crore. This resulted in understatement of "Fixed assets" and overstatement of "Current assets, loan and advances" by Rs. 0.54 crore.	(a) Necessary rectifications have been made in the books of accounts for the year 2020-21 and adjustment entry has been passed vide Journal Voucher No. J-66 dated 19.02.2021.



Item	Comments on Accounts	Reply of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
(b)	'Fixed Assets' were understated by Rs. 2.19 crore, due to non-transfer of value of 'Augmented Electrical Work' of 4th and 5th floor of Park Street Building, completed during the financial year, from "Current assets, loan and advances" to "Fixed assets". Consequently there was overstatement "Current Assets, Loans and Advances" by Rs. 2.19crore.	(b) Necessary rectifications have been made in the books of accounts for the year 2020-21 and adjustment entry has been passed vide Journal Voucher No. J-68 dated 19.02.2021.
B 2.1 2.1.1	Income Expenditure Account Expenditure Depreciation (Sch-8): Rs.1.68 crore	
(a)	Depreciation was undercharged by Rs. 0.09 crore as detail below:	
(i)	TAS charged full depreciation @10% on the assets, 'Two additional floor a top the New Building of the Society', considering date of completion i.e. 30.05.2019 (as per completion certificate), instead of depreciation @5% admissible from the date of utilization i.e. 12.12.2019, as stipulated in the Income Tax Act, 1961. This resulted in understatement of excess of income over expenditure by, Rs. 0.20 crore.	(a) (i) Necessary rectifications have been made in the books of accounts for the year 2020-21 and adjustment entry has been passed vide Journal Voucher No. J-67 dated 19.02.2021.
(ii)	TAS did not charge depreciation 'Two additional floors atop the New Building of the Society' valuing Rs.2.19 crore, even though it had been completed and handed over by CPWD during the financial year. This resulted in overstatement of excess of 'Income over Expenditure' by Rs. 0.11 crore.	(a) (ii) Necessary rectifications have been made in the books of accounts for the year 2020-21 and adjustment entry has been passed vide Journal Voucher No. J-69 dated 19.02.2021.
C	General	
3.1	An amount of Rs. 0.71 lakh was shown as liabilities towards sundry creditors. These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2013-14. Since they are more than seven years old, they need to be credited to the 'Income', after conducting a proper review in this regard.	The carry forward balances of Rs.0.71 lakh was shown as liabilities towards sundry creditors will be reviewed and will be settled / adjusted during 2020-21



Item	Audit Observations	Reply of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata
3.2	An amount of Rs. 2.15 lakh was shown in "Miscellaneous Liabilities", under the head 'Advance to Others'. These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2013-14. Since they are more than seven years old, they need to be credited to the income, after conducting proper review in this regard.	The carry forward balances of Rs. 2.15 lakh was shown as 'Misc. liabilities', under the head 'Advance to Others' will be reviewed and will be settled / adjusted during 2020-21
3.3	An amount of Rs. 1.98 lakh was shown as liabilities towards pay attachment Rs. 0.05 lakh), Group Insurance Rs. 0.01 lakh), Employee's contribution to CGHS (Rs. 0.07 lakh) and General Provident Fund (Rs. 1.85 lakh). These liabilities had been recognized prior to the financial year 2015-16. Since the liabilities were more than 5 years old, they need to be reviewed.	The carry forward balances of Rs.1.98 lakh was shown as liabilities towards pay attachment (Rs. 0.05 lakh), Group Insurance (Rs. 0.01 lakh), Employee's contribution to CGHS (Rs. 0.07) lakh and General Provident Fund (Rs. 1.85 lakh) will be reviewed and necessary action will be taken accordingly.
3.4	Rent Receivable' and "Subscription Receivable, amounting to Rs. 38.65 lakh and 17.48 lakh, respectively, need to be reviewed, because they are being accumulated every year.	The Receivables have been accounted in uniform pattern on year-to-year basis. The Accumulated balances will be reviewed and necessary action will be taken accordingly.
D	Grants-in-Aid TAS is financed by the grants received from Government of India. During the financial year 2019-20, it received grants amounting to Rs.23.74 crore. Out of these, it incurred total expenditure of Rs.22.73 crore during the financial year, leaving an unspent balance of Rs.1.01 crore.	The Utilization Certificate (U.C) of Grants-in-aid of a year are prepared on the basis of Receipts & Payments Account for that particular year (in this case, 2019-20) and advance payments for activities of that year (in this case, 2019-20) which are reflected through Receipts & Payments Account gets incorporated as Utilization of Grants-in-aid in the Utilization Certificate of the corresponding year. This has been practiced uniformly.
E	Net Effect The net effect of the comments given in the preceding paragraphs was that both the Assets and Liabilities were overstated by Rs.0.82 crore, as at 31st March 2020, while the excess of Income over Expenditure was understated by Rs.0.09 crore, for the year ended 31st March 2020.	The suggestions of the Audit have been noted. Corrective actions through Rectification/ Adjustments entries have already been taken for some cases as mentioned in the respective paragraphs and appropriate actions for the remaining observations are being taken.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 10th May, 2021

Sd/-
(S. B. Chakrabarti)
General Secretary



The Asiatic Society Kolkata

Annual Accounts for the year
2019 - 2020

* As adopted in 237th Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata held on 7th June, 2021.



**THE ASIATIC SOCIETY
KOLKATA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2020**

FUND AND LIABILITIES	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
		₹.	₹.
CAPITAL FUND	1	441699261.75	423917503.44
RESERVES AND SURPLUS	2	0.00	0.00
EARMARKED/ ENDOWMENT FUNDS	3	23037777.99	21918710.99
SECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS	4	0.00	0.00
UNSECURED LOANS AND BORROWINGS	5	0.00	0.00
DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES	6	0.00	0.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS	7	31547594.69	29148788.69
TOTAL		496284634.43	474985003.12
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS	8	243012340.53	241723144.53
INVESTMENTS-FROM EARMARKED/ ENDOWMENT FUNDS	9	19113376.00	19113376.00
INVESTMENTS-OTHERS	10	43789500.00	43789500.00
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS, ADVANCES ETC.	11	190369417.90	170358982.59
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE (to the extent not written off or adjusted)		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		496284634.43	474985003.12

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Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-
(Sujit Kjumar Das)
Treasurer

Sd/-
(S. B. Chakrabarti)
General Secretary



THE ASIATIC SOCIETY KOLKATA

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2020

SCHEDULE 1. CAPITAL FUND	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
Balance as at the beginning of the year		423917503.44		393208984.15
Less: Adjustment during the year		619004.00		653495.00
Add : Contributions towards Corpus/Capital Fund [Grants-in-Aid : Creation of Capital Assets]		5439000.00		27818000.00
Add / (Deduct): Balance of net Income (expenditure) transferred from the Income & Expenditure Account :		12961762.31		2237024.29
BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR - END		441699261.75		423917503.44

SCHEDULE 2. RESERVES AND SURPLUS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. <u>Capital Reserve:</u>				
As per last Account	0.00		0.00	
Addition during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deductions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. <u>Revaluation Reserve:</u>				
As per last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deduction during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. <u>Special Reserve:</u>				
As per last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deduction during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4. <u>General Reserve:</u>				
As per last Account	0.00		0.00	
Addition during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deductions during the year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00		00.00



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SCHEDULE 3 -														ENDOWMENT FUNDS & EARMARKED FUNDS									
Sl. No.	Fund Category	Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization/Expenditure towards objectives of funds						Total	Net Balance as at the year end									
		A	B		Other additions	[A+B]	C [i]						C	[A+B]-C									
			Donations/ Grants/ Contributions	Income from investments made on account of fund			Capital Expenditure [i]	Revenue Expenditure [ii]		Other Administrative Expenses													
							Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowances etc.	Rent													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14										
a	Endowment Funds [Fund wise break up in Schedule 3(a)]	20793658.74	0.00	1324748.00	0.00	22118406.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485522.00	485522.00	21632884.74										
b	Earmarked Funds [Fund wise break up in Schedule 3(b)]	1125052.25	384500.00	0.00	0.00	1509552.25	0.00	0.00	66000.00	0.00	38659.00	104659.00	1404893.25										
	Total [a+b]	21918710.99	384500.00	1324748.00	0.00	23627958.99	0.00	0.00	66000.00	0.00	524181.00	590181.00	23037777.99										
	Previous Year	20960371.99	1203500.00	1475061.98	0.00	23638933.99	0.00	0.00	1373850.00	0.00	346373.00	1720223.00	21918710.99										



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SCHEDULE 3-(A) ENDOWMENT FUNDS—FUND WISE BREAK UP														(Amount in ₹.)
Sl. No.	Title of the Endowment Fund	Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization / Expenditure towards objectives of funds						Total	Net Balance as at the year end
			B				[A+B]	C						
		Donations/ Grants/ Contributions	Income from investments made on account of fund	Other additions	Capital Expenditure [i]			Revenue Expenditure [ii]				C[i] + C[ii]		
					Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowances etc.	Rent	Other Administrative Expenses					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Abha Maity Lecture Fund	518794.99	0.00	33052.03	0.00	551847.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	59495.00	59495.00	492352.02	
2	Annadale Medal Fund	473754.56	0.00	30182.54	0.00	503937.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	503937.10	
3	B B Majumder Lecture Fund	410519.20	0.00	26153.86	0.00	436673.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14523.00	14523.00	422150.06	
4	Barclay Medal Fund	484185.78	0.00	30847.10	0.00	515032.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2773.00	2773.00	512259.88	
5	Bimala Charan Law Coll. Fund	17155.42	0.00	1092.96	0.00	18248.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18248.38	
6	Bimala Charan Law Medal Fund	452905.00	0.00	28854.23	0.00	481759.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	481759.23	
7	Biren Roy Medal Fund	58205.65	0.00	3708.24	0.00	61913.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61913.89	
8	D P Khaitan Medal Fund	474190.54	0.00	30210.31	0.00	504400.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	504400.85	
9	Dr Prabhati Mukherjee Medal Fund	392261.74	0.00	24990.69	0.00	417252.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	417252.43	
10	Hem Ch. Roy Chowdhury Medal Fund	104370.20	0.00	6649.35	0.00	111019.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4151.00	4151.00	106868.55	



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SCHEDULE 3-(A)															(Amount in ₹.)													
ENDOWMENT FUNDS—FUND WISE BREAK UP (Continued)																												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14															
11	Indian Science Congress Fund	491658.44	0.00	31323.18	0.00	522981.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	522981.62															
12	Indira Gandhi Medal Fund	473977.77	0.00	30196.76	0.00	504174.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5340.00	5340.00	498834.53															
13	Indira Gandhi Lecture Fund	625525.03	0.00	39851.72	0.00	665376.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3068.00	3068.00	662308.75															
14	Joy Govinda Law Medal Fund	494188.82	0.00	31484.39	0.00	525673.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525673.21															
15	Maya Deb Medal Fund	354884.53	0.00	22609.42	0.00	377493.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6000.00	6000.00	371493.95															
16	Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund	485028.60	0.00	30900.80	0.00	515929.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25819.00	25819.00	490110.40															
17	N N Chatterjee Medal Fund	461702.94	0.00	29414.74	0.00	491117.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	491117.68															
18	Naresh Ch. Sengupta Medal Fund	453478.51	0.00	28890.77	0.00	482369.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1859.00	1859.00	480510.28															
19	Panchanan Mitra Lecture Fund	142667.78	0.00	9089.25	0.00	151757.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151757.03															
20	Paul Jones Bruhi Medal Fund	444991.54	0.00	28350.07	0.00	473341.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	473341.61															
21	Pramathanath Bose Medal Fund	456300.61	0.00	29070.56	0.00	485371.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485371.17															
22	Prasanta Roy & Gita Roy Medal Fund	204778.69	0.00	13046.29	0.00	217824.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21175.00	21175.00	196649.98															
23	Priyabrata Roy Medal Fund	210874.49	0.00	13434.65	0.00	224309.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	224309.14															
24	Pt. Iswarchandra Vidyasagar Lecture Fund	1389126.25	0.00	88500.16	0.00	1477626.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104073.00	104073.00	1373553.41															
25	Rajasthan Fund	510740.15	0.00	32538.86	0.00	543279.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	543279.01															



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SCHEDULE 3-(A) (Continued)			ENDOWMENT FUND—FUND WISE BREAK UP										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
26	Ramaprasad Chandra Medal Fund	405936.55	0.00	25861.91	0.00	431798.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16710.00	16710.00	415088.46
27	Ranadhir Roy Medal Fund	225036.88	0.00	14336.93	0.00	239373.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	239373.81
28	Sarat Chandra Roy Medal Fund	459628.86	0.00	29282.60	0.00	488911.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	488911.46
29	Suniti Kumar Chatterjee Lecture Fund	364664.63	0.00	23232.50	0.00	387897.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19559.00	19559.00	3686338.13
30	S C Chakraborty Medal Fund	458110.64	0.00	29185.88	0.00	487296.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	487296.52
31	S N Dey & Manjula Dey Medal Fund	473153.28	0.00	30144.23	0.00	503297.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	503297.51
32	S N Sen Lecture Fund	228258.03	0.00	14542.14	0.00	242800.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	242800.17
33	Saratlal Biswas Medal Fund	458252.29	0.00	29194.90	0.00	487447.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2772.00	2772.00	484675.19
34	Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund	446872.50	0.00	28469.90	0.00	475342.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475342.40
35	Sir William Jones Medal Fund	356962.35	0.00	22741.80	0.00	379704.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23791.00	23791.00	355913.15
36	Sudha Basu Memorial Lecture Fund	346218.01	0.00	22057.28	0.00	368275.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368275.29
37	Sukumar Sen Medal Fund	476698.39	0.00	30370.09	0.00	507068.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10196.00	10196.00	496872.48
38	Suriti C Mitra Medal Fund	460573.30	0.00	29342.77	0.00	489916.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18895.00	18895.00	471021.07
39	Swami Pranabananda Medal Fund	311219.79	0.00	19827.57	0.00	331047.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	331047.36
40	GSI Sesquicent Com LJM Fund	853906.76	0.00	54401.74	0.00	908308.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1180.00	1180.00	907128.50
41	Tagore Peace Award Fund	500814.12	0.00	31906.48	0.00	532720.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144143.00	144143.00	388577.60
42	Foreign Donation - Japan	3381085.13	0.00	215406.35	0.00	3596491.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3596491.48
Total		20793658.74	0.00	1324748.00	0.00	22118406.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	485522.00	485522.00	21632884.74



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EARMARKED FUNDS—FUND WISE BREAK UP															
SCHEDULE 3-(B)		Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization / Expenditure towards objectives of funds					Total	Net Balance as at the year end		
Sl. No.	Fund Category	A	B			[A+B]	C							C	[A+B]-C
		Donations/ Grants/ Contributions	Income from investments made on account of fund	Other additions	Capital Expenditure [i]	Revenue Expenditure [ii]				C[i] + C[ii]					
						Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowances etc.	Rent			Other Administrative Expenses			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
1	Manuscript Resource Centre (ASK-MRC)	604653.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	604653.50	0.00	0.00	66000.00	0.00	5159.00	71159.00	533494.50		
2	Bharatiya Rastriya Bigyan Academy (INSA)	240984.60	94500.00	0.00	0.00	335484.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13500.00	13500.00	321984.60		
3	Indian Council for Social Science Research	85463.00	290000.00	0.00	0.00	375463.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20000.00	20000.00	355463.00		
4	Govt. of WB Grant for Publication	25000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25000.00		
5	Gol. Grant for Seminar on Ayurvedic Medicine	63365.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	63365.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63365.10		
6.	Indira Gandhi Manab Sangrahalaya	45000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45000.00		
7	Indian Council for Philosophical Research	63.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.20		
8	Indian Council for Historical Research	60522.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	60522.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60522.85		
	Tortal	1125052.25	384500.00	0.00	0.00	1509552.25	0.00	0.00	66000.00	0.00	38659.00	104659.00	1404893.25		



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SCHEDULE 4 - SECURED LOANS & BORROWINGS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Central Government		0.00		0.00
2. State Government (Specify)		0.00		0.00
3. Financial institutions		0.00		0.00
4. Banks		0.00		0.00
5. Other Institutions & Agencies		0.00		0.00
6. Debentures & Bonds		0.00		0.00
7. Others (Specify)		0.00		0.00
TOTAL		0.00		0.00

SCHEDULE 5 - UNSECURED LOANS & BORROWINGS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Central Government		0.00		0.00
2. State Government (Specify)		0.00		0.00
3. Financial Institutions		0.00		0.00
4. Banks		0.00		0.00
5. Other Institutions & Agencies		0.00		0.00
6. Debentures & Bonds		0.00		0.00
7. Fixed Deposits		0.00		0.00
8. Others (Specify)		0.00		0.00
TOTAL		0.00		0.00

SCHEDULE 6 - DEFERRED CREDIT LIABILITIES	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets		0.00		0.00
2. Others		0.00		0.00
TOTAL		0.00		0.00



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SCHEDULE 7 - CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
<u>A. Current Liabilities</u>				
1. Acceptances		0.00		0.0
2. Sundry Creditors :				
i] For Goods	0.00		0.00	
ii] Others	71422.89	71422.89	71422.89	71422.89
3. Advance Received [Subscription]		15500.00		17400.00
4. Interest Accrued but not due on Loans/borrowings		0.00		0.00
5. Statutory Liabilities				
i] For Goods	0.00		0.00	
ii] Others	2406868.00	2406868.00	1254665.00	1254665.00
6. Other Current Liabilities		7338093.80		6360693.80
Total [A]		9831884.69		7704181.69
<u>B. Provisions</u>				
1. For Taxation		0.00		0.00
2. Gratuity		10000000.00		10000000.00
3. Superannuation/Pension		0.00		0.00
4. Accumulated Leave Encashment		10000000.00		10000000.00
5. Trade Warranties/Claims		0.00		0.00
6. Others		1715710.00		1444607.00
Total [B]		21715710.00		21444607.00
Total [A+B]		31547594.69		29148788.69



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SCHEDULE 8 – FIXED ASSETS

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Asset Category	Rate of Depreciation	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION	NET BLOCK	
		Cost/valuation as at beginning of the year	Additions during the year	Adjustment during the year	Cost /Valuation at the year-end	Total Depreciation up to the year end	As at the current year-end	As at the Previous year-end
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4=1+2+3]	[5]	[6=4-5]	[7]
FIXED ASSETS								
1. LAND								
a] Freehold	0%	5371000.00	0.00	0.00	5371000.00	0.00	5371000.00	5371000.00
b] Leasehold	0%	59100.00	0.00	0.00	59100.00	354.96	58745.04	58745.04
2. Building								
a] on Freehold Land	10%	52570406.05	1647825.00	45120833.00	99339064.05	21490450.67	77848613.38	39685228.38
b] on Leasehold Land	10%	232764.00	0.00	0.00	232764.00	159720.70	73043.30	81159.30
3. Plant & Machinery	15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Vehicles	15%	3651417.00	0.00	0.00	3651417.00	2161082.03	1490334.97	1753334.97
5. Furniture & Fixture	10%	32296103.34	589258.00	0.00	32885361.34	20448931.83	12436429.51	13228400.51
6. Office Equipment	15%	37713301.66	10745442.00	0.00	48458743.66	27797235.27	20661508.39	12699224.39
7. Computer, Software & Networking	40%	22530156.20	80450.00	240000.00	22370606.20	18324373.47	4046232.73	6876454.73
8. Electrical Installations	10%	11827581.21	1418838.00	1187230.00	144336649.21	7309063.50	7124585.71	5243773.71
9. Library Books & Journals	0%	104574784.32	1657082.00	0.00	106231866.32	0.00	106231866.32	104574784.32
10. Tubewell & Water supply	10%	5613090.85	378228.00	0.00	5991318.85	2727507.67	3263811.18	3227216.18



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(Amount ₹)

Asset Category	Rate of Depreciation	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION	NET BLOCK	
		Cost/valuation as at beginning of the year	Additions during the year	Adjustment during the year	Cost /Valuation at the year-end	Total Depreciation up to the year end	As at the current year-end	As at the Previous year-end
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4= 1+2+3]	[5]	[6=4-5]	[7]
FIXED ASSETS								
11. Other Assets								
a] Microfilm & Documentation	0%	5930073.86	0.00	0.00	5930073.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
b] Mss & Art Objects Museum	0%	3802490.00	603680.00	0.00	4406170.00	0.00	4406170.00	3802490.00
a] on Freehold Land	10%	52570406.05	1647825.00	45120833.00	99339064.05	21490450.67	77848613.38	39685228.38
Total of Current Year [A]		286172268.49	17120803.00	46068063.00	349361134.49	106348793.96	243012340.53	196602311.53
Previous Year		230007816.59	57550606.42	1386154.52	286172268.49	89569956.96	196602311.53	
B. Capital Work in Progress								
Salt Lake Campus		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Park Street Building		45120833.00	0.00	45120833.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45120833.00
Total of Current Year [B]		45120833.00	0.00	45120833.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45120833.00
Previous Year		76450663.42	0.00	31329830.42	45120833.00	0.00	76450663.42	
Total [A+B]		331293101.49	17120803.00	91188896.00	349361134.49	106348793.96	243012340.53	241723144.53
Previous Year		306458480.01	57550606.42	32715948.94	331293101.49	89569956.96	273052974.95	



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SCHEDULE 9 : INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED/ ENDOWMENT FUNDS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. In Government Securities		0.00		0.00
2. Other approved Securities		0.00		0.00
3. Shares		0.00		0.00
4. Debentures & Bonds		0.00		0.00
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures		0.00		0.00
6. Others: TDRs with SBI Park Street Branch & UBI, Park Street		19113376.00		19113376.00
TOTAL		19113376.00		19113376.00

SCHEDULE 10 : INVESTMENTS - OTHERS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. In Government Securities		500.00		500.00
2. Other approved Securities		0.00		0.00
3. Shares		0.00		0.00
4. Debentures & Bonds		0.00		0.00
5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures		0.00		0s.00
6. Others: TDRs with SBI Park Street Branch & UBI, Park Street		43789000.00		43789000.00
TOTAL		43789500.00		43789500.00



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SCHEDULE 11 : CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS , ADVANCES ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
A. Current Assets				
1. Inventories				
a. Stores & Spares	0.00		0.00	
b. Loose Tools	0.00		0.00	
c. Stock in Trade :				
(i) Finished Goods [Printed Publications]	26553657.00		2558047.00	
(ii) Work in Progress	0.00		0.00	
(iii) Raw materials [Preservation Materials]	14878.00	26568535.00	64356.00	25622403.00
2. Sundry Debtors				
a. Debts outstanding for a period exceeding six months	35881.22		35881.22	
b. Others	0.00	35881.22	0.00	35881.22
3. Cash balances in hand		46129.00		160983.50
4. Bank Balances :				
a] With Scheduled Banks :				
(i) On Current Account	10211346.39		2915732.3	
(ii) On Deposit Account	0.00		0.00	
(iii) On Savings Account	39069420.86	49280767.25	32212027.77	35127760.07
b] With Non-Scheduled Banks :				
(i) On Current Account	0.00		0.00	
(ii) On Deposit Account	0.00		0.00	
(iii) On Savings Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Post Office-Savings Accounts		0.00		0.00
TOTAL [A]		75931312.47		60947027.79



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2020

SCHEDULE 11 : CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS		Current Year		Previous Year	
ADVANCES ETC		₹	₹	₹	₹
B. <u>Loan, Advances & other Assets</u>					
1. <u>Loans :</u>					
a] Employees	0.00	561527.00	0.00	299507.00	
b] Other Entitles engaged in similar activities	0.00		0.00		
c] Others	0.00	561527.00	0.00	299507.00	
2. <u>Advances and other amounts</u>					
<u>recoverable in cash</u>					
<u>or kind or for value to be received :</u>					
a] On Capital Account	78083343.00		78045264.00		
b] Adv. Payment to Journal Subscription	7768797.91		7874829.03		
c] Security Deposits	1445589.84		1445589.84		
d] Earnest Money	2500.00		2500.00		
e] With Dept of Income Tax [TDS]	684.00		684.00		
f] TDS on Contract payments [2017-18]	0.00	0.00	0.00		
g] TDS on Contract payments [2018-19]	96759.00	0.00	2362.00		
h] Others [Employees/Scholars/Suppliers]	15958428.73	103259343.48	13801308.73	101172537.60	
3. <u>Income Accrued</u>					
a] On Investments from Earmarked/ Endowment Fund	1333794.00		645422.00		
b] On investments - Others	3003299.00		1994082.00		
c] On Loans and Advances	0.00		0.00		
d] Rent Receivable	3865485.40		3458747.40		
e] Subscription Receivable	1748282.55		1492332.80		
f] TDS Receivable	666374.00	10617234.95	349326.00	7939910.20	
4. <u>Claims Receivable</u>		0.00		0.00	
Total [B]		114438105.43		109411954.80	
Total [A+B]		190369417.90		170358982.59	



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

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INCOME	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
		₹.	₹.
Income from Sales / Services	12	0.00	0.00
Grants / Subsidies	13	231953000.00	209194000.00
Fees / Subscriptions	14	541587.50	611043.25
Income from Investments	15	2340624.00	2340624.00
Income from Royalty, Publication etc.	16	1541708.00	1655932.30
Interest Earned	17	4261347.00	3886818.00
Other Income	18	499684.00	405621.00
Increase/(Decrease) in stock of Finished Goods and Work-in-Progress	19	946132.00	2662992.00
TOTAL (A)		242084082.50	220757030.55
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	181334683.00	167577575.00
Other Administrative Expenses etc.	21	31000089.08	39490154.53
Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies etc.	22	0.00	0.00
Interest on Loans / Overdraft	23	8711.11	20318.73
Depreciation (Net total at the year end-corresponding to schedule 8)	8	16778837.00	11446308.00
TOTAL (B)		229122320.19	218534356.26
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)		12961762.31	2222674.29
Prior period adjustments		0.00	14350.00
Transfer to Special Reserve		0.00	0.00
Transfer to / from General Reserve		0.00	0.00
BALANCE BEING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)			
CARRIED FORWARD TO CORPUS/CAPITAL FUND		12961762.31	2237024.29

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Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-
(Sujit Kjumar Das)
Treasurer

Sd/-
(S. B. Chakrabarti)
General Secretary



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

SCHEDULE 12 : INCOME FROM SALES/SERVICES	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Income from Sales		0.00		0.00
2. Income from Services		0.00		0.00
Total		0.00		0.00

SCHEDULE 13 : GRANTS / SUBSIDIES	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
(Irrevocable Grants & Subsidies Received)				
1. Central Government		231953000.00		209194000.00
2. State Governments (Specify)		0.00		0.00
3. Government Agencies		0.00		0.00
4. Institutions/Welfare Bodies		0.00		0.00
5. International Organisations		0.00		0.00
6. Others		0.00		0.00
Total		231953000.00		209194000.00

SCHEDULE 14 : FEES / SUBSCRIPTIONS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Entrance/Admission Fees		37250.00		200.00
2. Annual Fees/Subscriptions		358399.75		370000.00
3. Life Membership Fees		145937.75		240843.25
4. Seminar/Programme Fees		0.00		0.00
5. Consultancy Fees		0.00		0.00
6. Others		0.00		0.00
Total		541587.50		611043.25



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SCHEDULE 15 : INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
<u>(Income from Investment from Earmarked/ Endowment Funds transferred to Funds)</u>				
1. Interest on Investments against Endowment Funds [WD-01]		1324748.00		1475062.00
2. Dividend		0.00		0.00
3. Rents		2340624.00		2340624.00
4. Others		0.00		0.00
Total		3665372.00		3815686.00
Transferred to Earmarked/ Endowment Funds		1324748.00		1475062.00
Net Income from Investments		2340624.00		2340624.00

SCHEDULE 16 : INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION ETC	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Income from Royalty		0.00		0.00
2. Income from Publications		1453093.00		1549052.30
3. Others : Sale of Photos/Replicas		88615.00		106880.00
Total		1541708.00		1655932.30

OTHERS : SALE OF PHOTOS / REPLICAS	
<u>[Break-up of Item No. 3 in Schedule 16]</u>	₹
1. Sale of Mementos	64915.00
2. Sale of Photo Albums	23700.00
Total	88615.00



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SCHEDULE 17 : INTEREST EARNED	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. On Term Deposits:				
a] With Scheduled Banks [WD-01]	2566276.00		2144780.00	
b] With Non-Scheduled Banks	0.00		0.00	
c] With Institutions	0.00	2566276.00	0.00	2144780.00
2. On Savings Accounts:				
a] With Scheduled Banks	1372044.00		1459947.00	
b] With Non-Scheduled Banks	0.00		0.00	
c] With Institutions	0.00	1372044.00	0.00	1459947.00
3. On Loans				
a] Employees/Staff				
i] Interest on House Building Loan	55160.00		56580.00	
ii] Interest on Computer Loan	120136.00		159611.00	
iii] Interest on Scooter Loan	147731.00		65900.00	
b] Others	0.00	323027.00	0.00	282091.00
4. Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables		0.00		0.00
Total		4261347.00		3886818.00

SCHEDULE 18 : OTHER INCOME	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Sale/Disposal of Assets		0.00		22000.00
2. Export Incentives realized		0.00		0.00
3. Miscellaneous Receipts		499684.00		383621.00
Total		499684.00		405621.00

Miscellaneous Receipts [Break-up of Item No. 3 of Schedule 18]	Current Year ₹	
1. Micro Film / Xerox	25817.00	
2. Sale of Scrap Materials	280000.00	
3. Service Charge	2400.00	
4. Others	191467.00	
Total	499684.00	



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SCHEDULE 19 : INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN STOCK OF FINISHED GOODS / WORK-IN- PROGRESS & RAW MATERIALS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Closing Stock				
(a) Finished Goods [Printed Publications]	26553657.00		25558047.00	
(b) Work-in-Progress	0.00		0.00	
(c) Raw Materials [Preservation Materials]	14878.00	26568535.00	64356.00	25622403.00
2. Less : Opening Stock				
(a) Finished Goods [Printed Publications]	25558047.00		22926344.00	
(b) Work-in-Progress	0.00		0.00	
(c) Raw Materials [Preservation Materials]	64356.00	25622403.00	33067.00	22959411.00
Total		946132.00		2662992.00

SCHEDULE 20 : ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1. Salary & Wages		139604118.00		131322895.00
2. Allowances & Bonus		8604266.00		9067274.00
3. Employer's Contribution to EPF		13006614.00		12042021.00
4. Administrative Charges of EPF		703394.00		1018595.00
5. Contribution to Other Funds (NPS)		0.00		0.00
6. Leave Salary Contribution		95260.00		92459.00
7. Staff Welfare Expenses		121918.00		95882.00
8. Expenses on employees' Retirement & Terminal Benefits		15966815.00		9684746.00
9. Retirement & Terminal Benefits (Against Provisions)		0.00		0.00
10. Leave Travel Concession (LTC)		703449.00		2807642.00
11. Leave Encashment (LTC)		374777.00		883013.00
12. Reimbursement of Medical expenses		1973044.00		449993.00
13. Honorarium		84200.00		42900.00
14. Reimbursement of news Paper & Telephone Charges		96828.00		70155.00
Total		181334683.00		167577575.00



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SALARY & WAGES	
[Break-up of Item No. 1 of Schedule 20]	₹
1. Salaries & Wages to Regular Employees	137097504.00
2. Salaries & Wages to Contractual Employees	2506614.00
Total	139604118.00

SCHEDULE 21 :OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
A Travelling & Conveyance Expenses:				
1. Travelling Allowance [TA/DA]	76321.00		381527.00	
2. Local Conveyance (Staff)	218112.00		356286.00	
3. Local Conveyance (Others)	0.00	294433.00	32820.00	770633.00
B Communication Charges:				
1. Telephone	63401.00		78211.00	
2. Postage & Communication Charges	296926.00		407870.00	
3. Internet Charges	299591.00	659918.00	540021.00	1026102.00
C Repairs & Maintenance:				
1. Repairs & Maintenance- Building	282186.00		309915.00	
2. Repairs & Maintenance- Lift	97483.00		155564.00	
3. Repairs & Maintenance- AC Machine	659797.00		499155.00	
4. Repairs & Maintenance- Generator	14108.00		79723.00	
5. Repairs & Maintenance- Furniture	2350.00		2200.00	
6. Repairs & Maintenance- Computer	93102.00		165905.00	
7. Repairs & Maintenance- Electrical	262303.00		253438.00	
8. Repairs & Maintenance- Equipment	32862.00		52102.00	
9. Repairs & Maintenance- Others	129397.00		278701.00	
10. Repairs & Maintenance- Metcalfe Hall	0.00	1573588.00	109416.00	1906119.00



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SCHEDULE 21 : OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
D Other Administrative Expenses				
1. Advertisement & Publicity	892516.00		1421506.00	
2. Printing & Stationery	607183.00		495136.00	
3. Excise Duty	0.00		0.00	
4. Rent, Rates & Taxes	68290.00		560105.00	
5. Vehicle Running & Maintenance	437030.00		686505.00	
6. Electricity & Power	1977079.00		1718406.00	
7. Water Charges	5140.00		0.00	
8. Insurance	149061.00		129979.00	
9. Auditors' Remuneration	740775.00		400000.00	
10. Freight & Forwarding Expenses	0.00		0.00	
11. Security & Housekeeping Expenses	5009055.00		4499281.00	
12. Meeting Expenses	947541.00		1084201.00	
13. Development of Computer	0.00		0.00	
14. Cleaning & Washing	118950.00		100949.00	
15. Staff Training	134166.00		222505.00	
16. Contingencies	178506.00		124771.00	
17. Legal Expenses	348830.00		196130.00	
18. Awards & Incentives	36600.00		10000.00	
19. Medals & Awards	22860.00		4720.00	
20. Office Expenses	0.00		19210.00	
21. Office Supplies	10610.00		9390.00	
22. Professional Fees	159240.00		94130.00	
23. Election Expenses	0.00		238019.00	
24. Bank Charges	29677.08		23734.01	
25. Website Development & Maintenance & Email Account	1300.00		1300.00	
26. Interest & Filling Fees	0.00		105696.00	
27. License Fees	300.00		37108.00	
28. Networking & Allied Work	0.00		29700.00	
29. Recruitment Expenses	451326.00		332668.00	
30. Repographic Expenses	214881.00		228791.00	
31. Loss on Sale of Assets	0.00		1510.52	
32. Shifting & Rearrangement Works	59831.00	12600747.08	45000.00	12820450.53
E. Publication & Sales Expenses:				
1. Publication of Books, Journals & Bulletin	2124147.00		4996602.00	
2. Promotion of Publications	136900.00		203460.00	
3. Book Fairs & Book Exhibitions	291990.00		999366.00	
4. Stocks Taking of Publications	0.00	2553037.00	223222.00	6422650.00
F. Academic Programme Expenses :				
1. Expenses on Seminar/ Workshops	3054754.00		4052043.00	
2. Expenses on Vishnu Dharma Puran	0.00		0.00	
3. Dr. Raja Rajendralala Mitra M. Lecture	0.00		3250.00	
4. Rabindranath Tagore Birth Cent. Plaque	0.00		0.00	
5. Documentation of Programmes	59917.00	3114671.00	64308.00	4119601.00



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SCHEDULE 21 :OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
G. Other Programme Expenses				
1. Celebration of Important Days	604640.00		671868.00	
2. Exhibition	74287.00		427102	
3. Hindi Programme	47151.00		70019.00	
4. Expenses on President/ V.P. Visit	0.00	726078.00	0.00	1168989.00
H. Library & Museum Development :				
1. Conservation and Binding of Books & Mss	111067.00		334492.00	
2. Library Automation Programme	292000.00		148800.00	
3. Digitization of Mss & Rare Books	377141.00		787192.00	
4. Materials for Museum	11200.00		15680.00	
5. Preservation of Paintings & Art Objects	11000.00		50285.00	
6. Purchase of Preservation Materials	23650.00		164527.00	
7. Purchase of Manuscripts for Meseum	0.00		3578.00	
8. Purchase of Newspapers & Periodicals	14780.00	840838.00	15002.00	1519556.00
I. Academic & Research Expenses				
1. Fellowship to Research Fellows	6078463.00		6517443.00	
2. Contingency to Research Fellows	109585.00		139255.00	
3. Honorarium/Remuneration to PI/RA	0.00		0.00	
4. Contingency to PI/RA	1205607.00	7393655.00	184116.00	6840814.00
J Cost of Replicas (Museum) :				
1. Cost of Souvenir (Museum)	41300.00		109150.00	
2. Printing of Posters (Museum)	0.00	41300.00	0.00	109150.00
K. Expenses North Eastern Region :				
1. Seminar, Workshop for NER	154789.00		877797.00	
2. NER-Internal Project Expenses	440000.00		530759.00	
3. NER-External Project Expenses	219120.00	813909.00	780814.00	2189370.00
L. Expenses—Swachhwata Action Plan	387915.00	387915.00	596720.00	596720.00
Total		31000089.08		39490154.53



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020**

SCHEDULE 22 : EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS, SUBSIDIES, ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Grants given to Institutions/ Organisations		0.00		0.00
2 Subsidies given to Institutions/ Organisations		0.00		0.00
Total		0.00		0.00

SCHEDULE 23 : INTEREST	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 On Fixed Loans		0.00		0.00
2 On Other Loans		0.00		0.00
3 Others : Overdraft		8711.11		20318.73
Total		8711.11		20318.73

PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Provisions Written Back (Auditors' remuneration)		0.00		14350.00
Total		0.00		14350.00

Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-
(Sujit Kjumar Das)
Treasurer

Sd/-
(S. B. Chakrabarti)
General Secretary



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

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RECEIPTS	Current Year ₹	Previous Year ₹	PAYMENTS	Current Year ₹	Previous Year ₹
Opening Balance					
Cash in Hand			Expenses		
	160983.50	94303.00	Establishment Expenses	179393612.00	164954892.00
			Expenses on Programmes & Activities	14645898.00	19645909.00
			Other Administrative Expenses	14695880.08	16837264.01
			Payment against Outstanding		
			Expenses & Provisions	1444607.00	3169928.00
Cash at Bank					
In Current Accounts	2915732.30	45358870.99			
In Deposit Accounts	0.00	0.00	Payments made against Funds		
In Savings Accounts	32212027.77	27354956.77	Endowment Funds	445907.00	316733.00
			Earmarked Funds	104659.00	1383300.00
Grants Received					
From Govt. of India [MoC]	237392000.00	237012000.00	Investments & Deposits made		
			Out of Earmarked / Endowment		
For External Project	384500.00	1203500.00	Funds (Net)	0.00	0.00
			Out of Own Funds [other		
			Investments)	20000000.00	40000000.00
Income on Investments from			Expenditure on Fixed Assets & CWIP		
Earmarked/Endowment Funds	556980.00	1022511.00	Purchase of Fixed Assets	17120803.00	21436135.00
Own Funds [other investments]	1364714.00	0.00	Expenditure on Capital Work in Progress	0.00	0.00



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

RECEIPTS	Current Year		Previous Year	PAYMENTS		Current Year		Previous Year
	₹		₹			₹		₹
Interest received								
on Savings Account	1372044.00		1459947.00	Finance Charges				
on Staff Loan	0.00		0.00	Interest on Overdraft		8711.11		20318.73
Other Income				Other Payments				
Sale of Publications	1453093.00		1549052.30	Statutory Deductions from Employees		29934277.00		34700350.00
Membership Fees	245887.75		328743.25	Statutory Deductions from Contractors		458233.00		505456.00
Sale of Photo Albums & Mementos	88615.00		106880.00	Reverse Money		874489.00		347167.00
Rent	1933886.00		1908664.00	Refund of Earnest Money Deposit		101000.00		30200.00
Registration Fees for Seminar	37250.00		0.00	Advance to Parties		1745410.00		3825234.00
Others	499684.00		571755.00	Advance to Employees		8481110.00		6998264.00
Encashment of Investments & Deposits				Advance for Creation of Capital Assets		1328250.00		0.00
Out of Own Funds [other Investments]	20000000.00		0.00	Refund of Security Deposit		706534.00		987126.00
Other Receipts				Advance for Journal Subscription		0.00		4864277.00
Earnest Money Deposit from Contractors	0.00		176000.00	TDS paid on Term Deposits (TDR)		52345.00		98871.00
Statutory deductions from Employees	31668682.00		29359957.00	Security Deposit & Earnest Money to WBSEDCL		0.00		164491.00
Statutory deductions from Contractors	570208.00		503094.00	Closing Balance				
Security Deposits	1140268.00		1292013.00	Cash in Hand		46129.00		160983.50
Reserve Money	820696.00		960270.00	Cash at Bank				
Advance Recovered from Parties	705525.00		695319.00	In Current Accounts		10211346.39		2915732.3
Advance Recovered from Employees	5239814.00		4616823.00	In Deposit Accounts		0.00		0.00
Advance Payment for Journal Subscriptions	106031.12		0.00	In Savings Accounts		39069420.86		32212027.77
Total	340868621.44		355574659.31	Total		340868621.44		355574659.31

Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-

(Sujit Kumar Das)

Treasurer

Sd/-

(S. B. Chakrabarti)

General Secretary



THE ASIATIC SOCIETY KOLKATA

Significant Accounting Policies and Contingent Liabilities & Notes on Accounts forming part of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March. 2020

SCHEDULE - 24

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

1. Accounting convention

The financial statements of accounts are prepared under historical cost convention, in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards in India and on the accrual method of accounting, unless otherwise stated.

2. Inventory Valuation

- a) The closing stock of Publications of the Society has been valued on the basis of print price of the publications, keeping uniformity with that of previous year.
- b) Conservation & Preservation Materials have been valued at cost.

3. Investments

Deposits with Banks in the form of TDRs (Fixed deposits) are stated at cost. Interest accrued on such deposits but not due at the year end is shown separately in Balance Sheet under "Loans, Advances & Other Current Assets".

4. Fixed Assets

- a) Fixed Assets have been accounted at cost of acquisition inclusive of inward freight, duties & taxes and incidental & direct expenses related to such acquisitions;
- b) Fixed Assets are stated at written down value after charging for depreciation.

5. Depreciation

Depreciation on Fixed Assets have been calculated and provided in the accounts on the basis of written down value of the fixed assets at the rates specified in the Income Tax Act, 1961 and as applicable for the financial year 2019-20.



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6. Government Grants

Grants-in-aid are recognized in accounts as and when the same is realized. A year's unutilized grant due to underutilization is carried forward and adjusted with next year's grants-in-aid. Expenditure in excess of grants-in-aid received under a particular head, wherever the case may be, have been met out of own resources. Grants-in-aid received under the head "Creation of Capital Assets" has been treated as contributions towards Capita Fund while Grants-in-aid received under other heads (viz. General, Salaries, NER & SAP) have been treated as Income, being grants of revenue nature, in consistency with that of previous year.

7. Accounting for interest on Staff Loan

Interest on Staff Loan has been considered as earning based on realization during the year.

8. Accounting for Interest on Investments

Interest earned on investments has been provided on accrual basis.

9. Retirement Benefit

Payments to the retirees during 2019-20 towards retirement benefits (gratuity & leave encashment) have been accounted for on actual payment basis, retaining the provisions made towards retirement benefits (gratuity and leave encashment) in 2017-18 at the same level, pending actuarial valuation.

Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-

(Sujit Kjumar Das)
Treasurer

Sd/-

(S. B. Chakrabarti)
General Secretary



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Significant Accounting Policies and Contingent Liabilities & Notes on Accounts forming part of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March. 2020

SCHEDULE - 25

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

A. Contingent Liabilities

1. Claims against the Society not acknowledged as debt: Rs.237.82 Lakhs (Previous Year: Rs.216.95 Lakhs). The details are given at serial number 9 of "Notes on Accounts".
2. Bank Guarantee given by / on behalf of the Society : Nil (Previous Year: Nil)
3. Letters of Credit opened by Bank on behalf of the Society: Nil (Previous Year: Nil)

B. Notes on Accounts

1. The Society has been set up as an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and is wholly financed by the Government of India.
2. The Annual Accounts for 2019-20 have been prepared in the Uniform Format of Accounts prescribed for Central Autonomous Bodies in consistency with that of previous years.
3. The Society has been registered u / s 12 AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and hence its entire income is exempt from Income Tax.
4. The gifted property at 91, Ballygunge Place, Kolkata - 700019 received by the Society during 1995 (gifted by Late Professor S.D.Chatterjee) is being used as Guest House. Due to a pending litigation pertaining to the property (Title Suit No. 361 of 1999 filed in the Court of the 2nd Civil Judge - Jr. Division, Alipore), the value of the property has not been included in Fixed Assets.
5. Capital Work-in-Progress as on 1st April 2019 amounting Rs. 4,51,20,833.00 in respect of Park Street Building [4th & 5th floor construction by CPWD] has been capitalized under the head "Building on Freehold Land" on 31.03.2020 as the building became functional on and from 30.05.2019 with reference to the Work Completion Certificate and Utilization Certificate received from Office of the Executive Engineer, Central Public Works Department, Government of India vide Letter No.23(IV)/KCD-IV/CPWD/2019-20/1418 dated 18.11.2019.
6. Investments in the form of Fixed Deposits against Endowment Funds of Rs.79,51,408.00 have been kept with State Bank of India, Park Street Branch as collateral security to avail overdraft facility as and when required.



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7. Pending the audit for the year 2019-20, the claim for audit fees for the year 2019-20 is yet to be received from the office of the Director General of Audit (central), Kolkata. Under such circumstances, an amount of Rs.6,00,000.00 in lump sum (estimated on the basis of last year's audit fees) has been provided for in the accounts for the year 2019-20.
8. Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposits against Endowment Funds & Others as on 31.03.2020 have been accounted for in 2019-20 after reconciliation with FDR statements.
9. Due to non-receipt of any information from the Library regarding receipt of journals at the time of finalization of accounts for the year 2019-20, the advances paid towards journal subscriptions during the year 2018-19 and the outstanding advances pertaining to previous years could not be adjusted in the books of accounts and carried forward as outstanding advances as reported in the Balance Sheet under the head Current Assets" [Schedule 11-Details; Item no. 2 (b)].
10. The Society received a "Notice of Demand" from Kolkata Municipal Corporation in July 2006 for payment of property tax in respect of Assessee Nos. 11-063-39-0001-2 & 11-063-39-002-4, with annual valuation of Rs.6,04,560.00 & Rs.3,21,230.00 respectively (effective from 01.07.2006). During the period till 31.03.2020, the demand for arrear property tax in respect of these claims comprising principal amount, penalty and interest, has been increased to Rs.237.82 Lakhs (Previous Year: 216.95 Lakhs). As the matter is being taken up with Kolkata Municipal Corporation for settlement, no provision has been made in the accounts for the same and the claim has been shown as "Contingent Liability".

Statement of Unsettled KMC's Property Tax as on 31st March 2020

SN	Assessee Number	Annual Valuation (Rs.)	Date of Effect	Claim as on 31st March 2020			Total Rs.
				Principal Rs	Penalty Rs.	Interest Rs.	
1	11-063-39-0001-2	604560.00	01.07.2006	5953277.00	863863.72	7309593.84	14126734.56
2	11-063-39-0002-4	321230.00	01.07.2006	2623105.00	384922.57	6647625.36	9655652.93
	Total			8576382.00	1248786.29	13957219.20	23782387.49

11. Corresponding figures for the previous year have been rearranged and regrouped wherever necessary.

Place : Kolkata

Date : 18th November, 2020

Sd/-

(Sujit Kumar Das)

Treasurer

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(S. B. Chakrabarti)

General Secretary

Visuals

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Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal along with Smt. Sudesh Dhankar, First Lady at the 237th Foundation Day of The Asiatic Society on 15th January 2020.



Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge), Government of India being greeted on the occasion of 200th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar on 26th September 2019. Professor Brian Hatcher, Packard Chair of Theology, Tufts University who delivered the keynote address is present among others dignitaries.



Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee, Hon'ble Former Chief Justice, High Court of Calcutta and Bombay, along with dignitaries on the dais at the 235th Annual General Meeting held on 3rd June 2019.



Release of Study Report on 'The Living World of the Adivasi of West Bengal: Ethnographic Exploration' by Professor Amartya Sen, Nobel Laureate on 19th February 2020.



Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute visiting the Museum Exhibition on 28th June 2019.



A Colloquium 'The Outsider from Within: Indian Anthropologists and the birth of the Nation' organized by The Asiatic Society, Kolkata in collaboration with the University of Leeds, University of Manchester and the University of Edinburgh on 20th December 2019.



11th Monthly Special Lecture on Remembering Mahatma Gandhi delivered by Professor Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 9th August 2019.



Visit of Dr. Tandi Dorji, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Bhutan at The Asiatic Society on 22nd November 2019.



Awareness Programme on 'Swachhata Hi Seva' held on 31st December 2019.



One day National Seminar on “Relevance of Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy of Education in Modern India” held on 12th September 2019. Swami Suparnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata is present on the occasion.



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