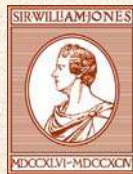


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Glimpses

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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 Room of the Supreme Court, Calcutta.

Sir William Jones (1746-1794) joined the Calcutta Supreme Court as a Puisne Judge in 1783. It was Sir Jones's idea to set up a regular organisation for Oriental studies. Warren Hastings, the then Governor General, himself was deeply interested in Indian classical languages and literature. A group of Company officials were also quite actively involved in oriental studies. Therefore Jones's idea was implemented very easily.

On 15 January, 1784, thirty such interested Europeans met in the Grand Jury Room of the Supreme Court at Calcutta and adopted the proposal of Jones for founding the institution, "The Asiatic Society".

"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.



Early Days

William Jones became the first President of the Society and continued in this position until his death in 1794. Warren Hastings was the first Patron of the Society. Since then the position of the Patron was held by the Governor General and after independence by the Governor of West Bengal. 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 former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on 22nd February 1965.

The name of the Society underwent several changes during the last two centuries such as The Asiatick Society (1784-1832), The Asiatick Society of Bengal (1832-1935), The Royal Asiatick 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 Society are :

- to organize, initiate and promote researches in Humanities and Science in Asia,
- to establish, build, erect, construct, maintain and run research Institutions, reading rooms, museums, auditoriums and lecture halls,
- to organize lectures, seminars, symposia, discussions, meetings and award of medals, prizes and scholarships in furtherance of the objectives.
- To acquire, finance or publish any periodicals, books or other literature that the Society may think fit for the promotions of its objects.

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.

The Asiatic Society has played the pioneering and most crucial role in discovering India’s past. The great Indologists and Orientalists like William Jones, Charles Wilkins, H T Colebrooke, B H Hodgson, Francis Wilford, Samuel Davis, H H Wilson, James Prinsep had created their intellectual marvels at the Asiatic Society.

The Society has been also a great repository of the cultural heritage of the country and the Society has been engaged for the last more than 200 years in disseminating the cultural heritage based on its resources by way of acting as a great centre of valuable manuscripts and other documents.

Institute of National Importance

The Asiatic Society was instrumental in setting up different learned institutions and professional bodies in the country including Archaeological Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, Zoological Survey of India, Botanical Survey of India, Indian Museum, School of Tropical Medicine, University of Calcutta and Indian Science Congress Association as well as Indian National Science Academy and so on.

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 bicentenary 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 Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Governance

The Society is registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Regulations Act XXI of 1860). 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. Besides, there are four nominees of the Govt. of India, one nominee of the Government of West Bengal and one Representative of the Asiatic Society Employees' Union in the Council. The Council meets mandatorily once a month excepting the month of October. 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 representatives from Central Govt, State Govt

and Council nominees to advise the Council on all matters having financial implications.

The Journey continues

The basic thrust areas as identified by the Peer Review Committee are being increasingly covered, specially, emphasizing the rich heritage of Indian culture and civilization. Special emphasis has been put to modernize the conservation of valuable books, documents, manuscripts etc through digitization on the one hand and through networking with the global academic communities on the other. Another area of importance of the Society's activities has been to use more and more social media network in order to reach out to a greater number of people in this country as well as abroad.

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 such as library, museum, publication and annual academic activities.

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Presidential Address

Literary Societies and Social Science Literature in 19th Century Bengal

Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Sen, Former Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court & Former Governor of West Bengal, Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, our General Secretary, Dr. Sujit Kumar Das, our Treasurer, Hon'ble Recipients of Medals, Plaques and Lectureships, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Systematic reflection and research on social questions started in India, particularly in Bengal, mostly in the 19th century. British colonial rule, the impact of new ideas, the zeal of the missionaries to introduce Christianity created a new awakening among the indigenous intellectuals to look afresh at the age old institutions and customs. There were the revivalists who sought to provide new justification and new arguments in support of the prevalent system. There were the pro-changers or the modernists who advocated for changing the system and adopting western values, ideologies and educational systems. And there were those who advocated for a synthesis of the old and the new to regain the best of our own tradition while adopting the new humanitarian values and institutions of the west. As a result, if we look at the nature of discourse in the 19th century, we find a new rejuvenation at the elite level and an unprecedented social churning.

Some thinkers have identified the process as Bengal renaissance and have compared it to the similar type of process which occurred in Europe in 16th and 17th century. But it is debatable whether this new intellectual awakening can be compared with the process of renaissance in Europe as the number and percentage of people involved in this intellectual awakening was limited to urban upper class people only and the vast number of people, living in the countryside, remained relatively unaffected by the process. Undoubtedly society was



experiencing an upheaval which had a jerking effect upon the people in general.

In Europe, the impact of the French Revolution and the enlightenment was felt upon the society and the issue was how to maintain social order. This prompted men to look at the very basis of society leading to the question of how society is possible. In explaining the development of Sociology in Europe, Nisbet, in his *The Sociological Tradition*, had this to say, “The fundamental ideas of European Sociology are best understood as responses to the problem of order created at the beginning of the 19th century by the collapse of the old regime under the blows of industrialism and revolutionary democracy. The breakup of the old order in Europe – an order that had rested on kinship, land, social class, religion, local community and monarchy – set free, as it were the varied elements of power, wealth and status that had been consolidated, however precariously, ever since the middle ages. Dislocated by revolution, scrambled by industrialism and forces of democracy, these elements can be seen tumbling across the political landscape of Europe throughout the 19th century in search of new and more viable contexts”.¹

Nothing of this stranglehold happened in India. Colonial stranglehold stood in the way of freedom and democracy, there was no direct exposure to revolutionary ideas of freedom and equality, no tradition of prolonged conflict between the religious and temporal authority, no operation of the orthogenetic process of change, except to some limited extent. Yet upon such a relatively static and immobile society, the impact of westernization, the introduction of a new system of education and the rise of an indigenous elite was being felt. Throughout 19th century, we find the operation of this process. Bengal was at the centre of such a whirlpool, though there was some parallel resurgence in western India also.²

Interest on social issues, reflection and research on social questions and a thorough empirical orientation towards social issues all these

characterised the intellectual concerns of the emerging elites in 19th century Bengal. This intellectual concern had two important directions. First, some prominent intellectuals and social reformers of the period began to raise fundamental social questions. Their greatest asset was the possession of a rational and inquisitive mind with the help of which they were all contemplating the social reality of the time. Prominent among them were Rammohun Roy (1771-1833), Akshay Kumar Dutta (1820-1886), Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar (1820-91), Bhudev Mukhopadhyaya and quite a few others. Bengal was the centre of such reformist orientation. Second, it was at this period that many academic and professional societies were established. The Asiatic Society of Bengal (1784), The Academic Association (1828), The Tattwa Bodhini Sabha (1831), The Bethune Society (1851), The Bengal Social Science Association (1866) were a few examples of such academic bodies. Scientific attitude to social issues and social problems, rational approach towards the factual aspects of different segments of society differentiated this period from the earlier metaphysical and philosophical approach to society. We begin with an elaboration of some of such academic bodies and schools before we take up the individual contributions of some important thinkers of this period.

It was not only that the interests of these bodies and individuals were only on the things ‘social’. There was a strong evidence of the increased interests in things ‘scientific’. The Calcutta Journal of Natural History was established in 1840. Dwarakanath Tagore, Ramkamal Sen, Durgacharan Bhattacharya and a few others were closely associated with it. Writing about the intellectual climate of mid-nineteenth century, Bela Dutta Gupta says, “*The whole intellectual climate in contemporary Calcutta was really and truly surcharged with science and things scientific. In individual lectures, writings in journals, newspapers, there was a constant demand for the study, teaching and dissemination of scientific*



knowledge. In the pages of the *Tattwabodhini Patrika*, in the columns of *Sambad Prabhakar*, logic for technical school, agricultural institutes, researching on improved methods of cultivation, was repeated again and again. In 1854, Col. Goodwin's Paper on 'Union of Science, Industry and Art' read before the Bethune Society, is an important index of the people's demand for applied science in this country."³ Behind the establishment of The Asiatic Society in 1784 by Sir William Jones, there was this idea of the unity of knowledge in all its diverse manifestations. To William Jones, 'History, Science and Art' constituted the trinity of human learning or knowledge. In his own words, "The first (history) comprehends either on account of natural productions or the genuine records of empire and states; the second (Science) embraces the whole cycle of pure and mixed mathematics together with ethics and law, as far as they depend on the reasoning faculty"⁴ The birth of The Asiatic Society in 1784, as it has been rightly said is significant for its 'quest for secular salvation'. Again "The Asiatic Society ... became the central figure in the development of legion other organizations. There was an unprecedented enthusiasm for literary, philosophical and scientific illumination in such societies. Development of a scientific outlook was followed by a rationalistic climate of opinion. Institutions of long standing were being questioned and their rationale challenged. This type of society become the centre of reforming zeal of neophytes."⁵

Asiatic Society Publication Endeavours: The Beginnings

The central motto of The Asiatic Society, after it was established in 1784 was publication of all types through Journals and Periodicals. In one of his Annual discourses, Sir William Jones, the founder of The Asiatic Society, professed, "It will flourish, if naturalists, chemists, antiquaries, philologists and men of sciences, 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 communication shall be long intermittent, and it will die away, if they shall entirely cease." William Jones's expectations have been fulfilled hence, resulting in The Asiatic Society being a two hundred and forty years old Institution "bearing the prestige of the oldest surviving publishing house of the country." Dr. R.C. Majumdar's comment on this is worth noting in the context when he said that "the high ideal of Sir William Jones was realized beyond expectations by the publication of learned articles and treatises on the history and antiquities, arts, sciences and literature of Asia."

Of course the high expectations of Sir William Jones were not fulfilled immediately after. The publication was delayed by a few more years. In a letter written in September 1788, Jones wrote, 'The Society has yet published nothing but has material for two quarto volume and will, I hope, send one to Europe next spring.' It was in 1788 that the first volume under the title *Asiatick Researches* (instead of 'Asiatick Miscellany' originally thought of by Jones) was first published. It contained 28 articles (a third of which was by Jones himself) and the printed matter ran into 488 pages. At the initial stage of the publication, Jones had contributed immensely. As Rajendralal Mitra mentioned, no less than 29 papers were contributed by him in the first 4 volumes of the *Asiatick Researches* and his translation of *Manu* had been a standard text book of reference for a hundred years. He likewise translated into English the *Sakuntala* by Kalidasa and the *Gitagovinda* of Jayadeva."⁶ But initially the Journal was published only irregularly, the scarcity of fund being the main cause of this irregular publication.⁷

It was James Prinsep, who planned to bring out the Journal with a new character. The first issue of the Journal named as the *The Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal* was first published in 1832 with the aim 'to give publicity to such oriental matters as the antiquaries, the linguist, the traveller and the naturalist may glean in the ample field open to their



industry in this part of the world, that is Asia, and as far means would permit to the progress of the various sciences at home especially such as are connected in any way with Asia. Starting from 1832, the Journal has passed three stages and entered the fourth stage in 1953, when it was renamed as *Journal of the Asiatic Society* from the original, the *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*.

To go back to the early years of the beginnings of the Journal, almost all the landmark discoveries in the scientific arenas and the literary and documentary analyses found its publications in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society*. We can mention a few of such important publications apart from those by Jones and Prinsep, who have already been mentioned. Thus we had the landmark writings of H. H. Willson, who among other things made an elegant translation of the *Meghduta* and a translation after fourth volume of the *Rigveda* and a critical review of Max Müller's Vedic literature, whose connection with the Society, according to Rajendralal Mitra, extended over a quarter of a century and during whose period the stability and credit of the Society was thoroughly established; H. T. Colebrooke, who was the President of The Asiatic Society for ten years from 1806 to 1815 and who contributed nineteen papers to the Transactions of the Asiatic Society : a great mathematician, a zealous astronomer and a profound sanskrit scholar and who was the founder of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Bryan Hughton, whose contributions to the Society lay in carrying on pursuits of literary and scientific arenas hitherto unexplored and whose contribution to the Society amounted to a total of 112 papers, besides a large number of donations of valuable manuscripts and specimens of Natural History. Apart from those already mentioned, the most frequent contributors to the Journal were, among others, Mr. H. H. Piddington, Dr. H. Falconer, Dr. J. Campbell, Mr. Csoma de Koros, Captain J. D. Cunningham, General A Cunningham, Col. R. Everest, Mr. W. T. Hanford, Dr. R. Mitra

and Mr. H. Blochmann. As Rajendralal Mitra calculates in his said Centenary Review, that during the period under review, the Society had published either directly or indirectly and including the index, 84 volumes of the Journal and 19 volumes of the Proceedings. These 103 volumes represent roughly speaking the total of 50,000 papers of closely printed matters, replete with innumerable essays, papers, monographs and notes of great interest. To obviate the difficulty of going through these volumes physically, a carefully prepared index to the volumes had been prepared by Rajendralal Mitra himself in the year 1856. This endeavour has been continuing over time since then for the next 150 years by indexes prepared by the writers including that by Sibdas Chowdhury. The latest such prepared index is now in the press.

In the said Centenary Review (1784-1884). Rajendralal Mitra had also made a rough calculation of the published materials of The Asiatic Society upto that period. As he says, "It has published a total of 354 volumes, including 21 volumes of the *Asiatick Researches* and Index, 84 volumes of the Journal and Index, 19 volumes of the Proceedings, 167 volumes of Oriental works of different kinds, 31 volumes of miscellaneous works relating to India, 14 volumes of Catalogues of various kinds and 18 volumes of 'Notices of Sanskrit Manuscripts.' As Mitra says, "This compares very favourably with the works of other and older Societies in other parts of the Earth" (Centenary Review, P-81)

Apart from publications in The Asiatic Society Journal, the Society also undertook another series of publications in The Asiatic Society known as the *Bibliotheca Indica* Series. In and around the late forties of the 19th century, the Society endeavoured to publish various works of oriental literature, grammar, dictionaries and studies and critical editions of Sanskrit, Pali, Prakrit, Rajasthani, Kashmiri, Hindi, Tibetan, Persian, Bengali and such other languages. Works under this Series included some works by scholars like Pandit Iswar Chandra



Vidyasagar. Dr A. Sprenger and J.R. Ballantyne. After the arrival of Csoma de Koros at Almorah, after his long sojourn in Tibet, the Society was able to publish his scholarly works on Tibetan Grammar and Dictionary. The origin of this series of publications has been described by Rajendralal Mitra, in his Centenary Review, thus, "... Sir James Macintosh, then President of the 'Literary Society of Bombay' submitted a scheme for the regular publication of Sanskrit texts, and on July 2, 1808, The Asiatic Society resolved to publish from time to time, as the funds will admit of it, in Volumes distinct from the Asiatick Researches, translations of short works in the Sanskrit and other Asiatic languages, or extracts and descriptive accounts of books of greater length in these languages which may be offered to the Society and appear deserving of publication" and the publications may be extended to incorporate all Asiatic books, the series of volumes be entitled 'Bibliotheca Asiatica' or a Descriptive Catalogue of Asiatic books, with extracts and translations" (Rajendralal Mitra, Centenary Review, p-56). This Bibliotheca Indica series, which was started in the forties of the 19th century, has been continuously functioning since then and has been instrumental in publishing in valuable books and manuscripts.

The Hindu College and Related Activities

The Hindu College was established in the year 1817. The establishment of the college symbolized the growing demand for western education. It was ensured from the very beginning that the Hindu College does not teach abstruse Hindu theology and metaphysics but such thinkers such as Hume, Reid, Bentham, Mill or others. Adhir Chandra Dass, a student of Hindu College, while writing about his experience, tells, "*I have already enjoyed the blessings of liberal educations ... and yet the education I have received has taught me principles opposed to those that have been professed and practiced by my ancestors.*" Of course, in this process, there was no unmixed adulation to western knowledge but an attempt, on the part of many to

combine the elements of eastern and western thoughts, a synthesization of the civilizations or ancient and modern times. The zeal for social reform and for adopting a rational attitude for the study of social institutions and processes, resulted in the establishment of various associations, viz. the Tattwabodhini Sabha, the Society for the Acquisition of General Knowledge, the Dharma Sabha, the Bengal British Indian Society or the Bethune Society. In most cases, those societies or associations were launched and operated by the alumni of the new schools.

Thus Derozio and his pupils started in 1828 the Adademic Association. Because of their uncompromising stand on various social issues, the Young Bengals, as they were known and were regarded the "Athenians of India". Their magazines, the *Parthenon* and the *Jnananeswan* acted as a forum of free expression on social issues. Their new gods were Bacon, Locke, Hume, Smith, Paine or Bentham. But because of their overdosing, they attracted the wrath of the conservatives and reformists alike and due to sudden death of Henry Derozio, the association soon became defunct.

Somewhat frustrated by the negligible effect of their revolt against Hinduism and the strong counter effect of conservative Hindu society, most of the Derozians ultimately turned dipsomaniac. Arabinda Ghosh told about them in a sarcastic tone "They were giants and did everything gigantically. They read hugely, wrote hugely, thought hugely and drunk hugely."

With the demise of the Academic Association, Society for the Acquisition of General Knowledge was formed and the initiative in this respect was taken by such contemporary intellectual stalwarts like Tarini Charan Bannerjee, Ramgopal Ghosh, Ramtanu Lahiri, Tarachand Chakrabarty and Raj Krishna Dey. The avowed objective of the society was to "create a determined and well regulated love of study, which will lead us to dive deeper than the mere surface of learning and enable us to acquire a



respectable knowledge on matters of general and more specially of local interest.” The transactions of this society show how diverse was the nature of the papers presented there: ‘Reform, civil and social among educated natives’ and ‘On the nature and importance of historical studies’ by Rev K.M Banerjee, “A Sketch on the Condition of Hindu Women” by Peary Chand Mitra, ‘The Philosophy of Dissections’ by Prasanno Kumar Mitra etc. The variety of the topics presented and their empirical orientation shows how objective and scientific they were in identifying their topics of research.

It may be mentioned here that in the early 1833, they even brought out *Vijnan Swar Sangrahas* a bilingual monthly on scientific subjects. Their aim was “to publish such selections from the works of European literature and science as may tend to enlarge the sphere of their moral sentiments.”⁸

Tattwabodhini Sabha, Tattwabodhini Patrika and Akshay Kumar Dutta

The *Tattwabodhini Sabha* was established in 1830 as a successor to Brahma Samaj. Though the declared objective of the Sabha was ‘extensive propaganda of Brahmo Dharma’, it eventually became the forum for analysis and amelioration of social maladies. The *Tattwabodhini Patrika* became the mouthpiece of such social concerns of the Sabha. A perusal of the articles published in the patrika will bear that out. R.C. Dutta has commented “Scientific articles, moral instructions, account of different nations and tribes, stories of the animate and inanimate creations all that could enlighten the expanding intellect of Bengal and dispel darkness and prejudices, found a convenient vehicle in the *Tattwabodhini Patrika*.”⁹ The scientific orientation of the articles and their social concerns made the patrika a leading exponent of positivist orientation at that time. This is what N.K. Bose had to say, “The *Tattwabodhini Sabha* and the *Tattwabodhini Patrika* were destined to play a significant part in the moral and intellectual reconstruction of Bengal. The journal published

information on Science, History and Social Affairs; answered charges levelled by Christian missionaries. And although it played a defensive role, it made people feel proud of their civilization in its reformed version, and rendered satisfied pride the basis of an acceptance of the best which the west had to offer.”¹⁰

The key figure behind *Tattwabodhini Patrika* was Akshay Kumar Dutta (1820-1886) who was a thorough rationalist in orientation and scientific in temperament. He was concerned with the relation of human beings with the external nature (মানবপ্রকৃতির সাথে বহির্জগতের সম্পর্ক) and in his scheme of things, god or any supra mundane existence has no relevance. He even formulated the following equation :

Labour = crop

Prayer + Labour = Crop

So, Prayer = 0

Akshay Kumar’s positivist orientation led him to believe that the only motto of human existence is to serve humanity. It is interesting to note that Vidyasagar was associated with Akshay Kumar in running the patrika. Both of them were thoroughly secular. Once, when a certain person complained to Debendranath regarding the way the Patrika was being run, Debendranath commented “*kotokguli nastic mile patrikata chalachhe*”. Through his writings, Akshay Kumar made substantive contributions in the fields of criminology and penology, sociology of education and it’s the matter of organic relation between the individual and society. He also drew the attention of the public to the distressing condition of the peasantry in Bengal and about the general agrarian situation. Rightly, the *Hindu Patriot* described Akshay Kumar as the ‘Ornament to the republic of letters in Bengal’.

The role of Rammohan, Vidyasagar and Bhudev Mukhopadhyay as stalwarts in the process of intellectual re-awakening and social reconstruction in Bengal has been noted equally empathically by



many others. And we are not entering into a detailed discussion about them here.

The Bethune Society

It was an Englishman, Mowatt, who established the Bethune Society in 1851 as a mark of respect to Drinkwater Bethune. The declared objective of the society was “to promote among the educated natives of Bengal a taste for literary and scientific pursuits and encourage a freer intellectual intercourse than can be accomplished by other means in the existing state of native society.” Towards this end, the society engaged itself in discussing various social, economic and political issues. In 1858-59, the society’s academic activities were divided into six sections. These were: (i) General education (ii) Literature and philosophy (iii) Science and art (iv) Medical and sanitary improvement (v) Sociology and (vi) Female education. Rev. James Long was in charge of Sociology section. James Long’s approach was thoroughly empirical. He prepared 50 questions in the subjects requiring investigation in the social conditions of the natives. Objectivity was the sole aim of the new discipline. He observed “Without the practice of close observation, little progress can be made in sociology, which is to be presented not from books but from personal observation of men and things.”¹¹ The questionnaire framed by James Long were so full of details that as Rev. A. Duff, President of the Society, remarked even if half of the questions were sincerely answered ‘from them a volume might be prepared’ which would embellish the story of oriental literature.’ It may be mentioned here that Rev. Lal Behari Dey was the secretary of the sociology section and he also made substantial contribution in the field of village studies. Justice Dwarakanath Mitra who was the president of the ‘Improvement and Amelioration of Women Section of the Bethune’ society was a great positivist and was at the forefront of the positivist movement in Bengal as we shall see later. Summing up the contributions of the Bethune society, Professor Bela Dutta Gupta

says “The renaissance contribution of the Bethune society was unique. No other organization could effect such intellectual awakening and activities as the Bethune Society did.”¹² The Bethune Society ceased functioning from 1870.

Somewhat independently of the Bethune Society but carrying the heritage of doing work on the basis of scientific observation and analysis, we can mention here three other works on rural society and the condition of the peasantry, all of which were done by Indians. These are *The Bengal Peasant Life* (1872) by Rev. Lal Bihari Dey, *The Peasantry of Bengal* (1874) by Ramesh Chandra Dutta and *The Indian Ryot* (1881) by Abhaya Charan Das. All these three books made monumental contribution in comprehending the intricacies and complexities of life in rural Bengal. Lal Bihari Dey’s other work, viz., *Gobinda Samanta* drew appreciation even from Charles Dalwin, who commented, “I shall be glad if you would tell him with my compliments how much pleasure and instruction I derived from reading *Gobinda Samanta* a few years ago.”¹³ The subtitle of Ramesh Chandra Dutt’s book ‘*The peasantry of Bengal*’ speaks about its nature: “A view of their condition under the Hindu, the Mohammedan and the English Rule and a consideration of the means calculated to improve their future prospects.” The other book, viz., *The Indian Ryots* is an exposition of the economic condition of the agrarian situation in European countries and in India. Such a comparative treatment was unthinkable at the time the book came out. It is a pioneering study in comparative agrarian economics and rural institutions.

The Bengal Social Science Association

The Bengal Social Science Association was formed in 1867 at the initiative of Rev. James Long and Miss Mary Carpenter. The genesis of the association was in The Asiatic Society on 17th December 1866 in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal and a large number of European and Indian persons, where a resolution was taken to form such



an association with a view to study the 'people and circumstances of the country'. In the provisional committee, apart from the European luminaries, a large number of Indians, like Peary Chand Mitra, Ram Chandra Mitra, Keshab Chandra Sen, Monmohan Ghosh, Debendranath Tagore, Rajendralal Mitra, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and others, were present. The objective of the association was "to collect, arrange and classify series of facts bearing upon the social, moral and intellectual conditions of the people of Bengal... the most express object of the association was to promote the development of social science in the presidency of Bengal." In order to realize these objectives, four academic sections were created concerning (1) Jurisprudence and law (2) Education (3) Health (4) Economy and trade. These sections will hold annual meeting, invite papers for which definite guidelines were prescribed and after the deliberations, these will be printed in the transactions of the association. Desiderata or heads of enquiry were prepared for each section and papers were invited. In the section on Economy and Trade, for example, the following academic subdivisions were created, viz. Banking and currency; Labour; Agriculture; Social economy; and in each subdivision, areas of enquiry were identified. The papers presented in these sessions were objective, analytic and comprehensive. They all followed the guidelines which were, "they (the papers) should be confined as per as practicable, to the relation of facts and observations bearing upon the question and should avoid, as far as may be, the enunciation of general principles and of philosophical theories and reflections. It is quite true that the promotion of Social Science demands that deductions should be drawn from ascertained facts..." (Regulations regarding paper, Rule 8)

It will turn into dozens of pages to even name the papers which were presented at the different sections of the annual sessions of the Association from 1867 to 1878. Together, they constitute valuable data and observations on different aspects

of social, economic and political life of the people including Hindus and Muslims, men and women, artisans, labourers and the educated, ruralites and urban dwellers, economy and trade. As it has been said "In the different sections of the Bengal Social Science Association quite a few important papers were submitted. Indian Society was the focus of their study; as such everything concerning inter human relations, e.g., language and literature, customs and folkways, rites and rituals, proverbs and sayings, economic organization of men and women and others came to be thoroughly studied and discussed at different sections."¹⁴ Again, "a look into the papers read at the Bengal Social Science Association will convince one of their high standard of logic, erudition and objectivity. Empiricism and objectivity became almost the keywords of the Association as it matured in age."¹⁵

The Bengal Social Science Association could not last long and ceased to exist from 1878. Internal feud was one main reasons for that. At the very start in 1867 Rajendralal Mitra moved a resolution to the effect that "the association as a body shall abstain from expressing its opinion on any social questions that may be brought to its notice and from taking any action for the amendment of any law or custom of the country." This requisitions saving been defeated, Rajendralal Mitra, Romanath Tagore, Digambar Mitra, Jyotindra Mohon Tagore and Greesh Chandra Ghosh resigned from the association. The association was also looked down suspiciously by the native intelligentsia. An article in the *Hindu Patriot* the then widely circulated contemporary newspaper, will bear that out. The suspicion was that some self-seeking native intelligentsia had assembled there to draw favours from Englishmen. The suspicion was baseless but it was unfortunate that beyond 1878, the Bengal Social Science Association could not continue.

Positivism in Bengal

Starting from the late 1860's, there was another movement in Bengal, i.e., the positivist movement.



Contemporaneously with the influence of positivism and Comte in Europe, in Bengal also, a strong group of positivists emerged. Briefly started as the Encyclopedia of Philosophy has defined it, positivism believes that “Science is the only valid knowledge and that facts the only possible object of knowledge, that philosophy does not possess a method different from science and that the task of philosophy is to find the general principles common to all the sciences and to use these principles as guides to human conduct and as the basis of social organization.”¹⁶ True, Positivism as an outlook existed in Europe before Comte. One can trace the origin of Positivism in such 17th century thinking in Bacon, Hobbes and Locke and 18th century thinkers as Condorcet, James Mill, Bentham and Hume. As Bela Duttagupta says, “The essence of positivism is to be traced in the whole empiricist tradition and in the 18th century philosophy of sensationalism in particular. It devolved on the 19th century positivists to explore and expand the points that all knowledge is derived from sense perception.”¹⁷

Similarly in India, prominence given to sensory perceptions as a means of knowing the truth and not to any extra sensory agency like God as was there in earlier philosophies. There were sceptics, agnostics and atheists, even during the Vedic period. The charvakas / Lokayatas had absorbed all such previous traits and finally produced a system of philosophy that was uncompromisingly rational and opposed to all dictums that were not founded on sense perceptions.

If we look at the works of Akshay Kumar Dutta, it will appear that he was a Baconian through and through and considered the works of Bacon and Comte to be ‘our Sastras’, as much as the works of Bhaskara and Aryabhata as well as Newton and Laplace were.¹⁸ A thorough rationalist outlook on life was evident in the activities of Derozio and his disciplines. Sushobhan Sarkar has called Derozio as “the stormy petrel of our renaissance”.¹⁹ To the Derozians, Tom Paine’s Age of Reason was the new

gospel. Their short lived journal, The Enquirer and bi-lingual periodical ‘Jnananweshan’ had strongly advocated widow remarriage even before Vidyasagar did it.

But Positivism as an integrated outlook and as a philosophy was espoused in Europe in the writings of Comte and in Bengal through those who claimed to be the disciples of Comte. They did not have to challenge all the principles of Hindu religion in order to be so as Positivism provided scope for a judicious admixture of tradition and modernity. Among them, we find the names of not only Jogendra Chandra Ghosh, Nagendranath Ghosh and Krishnakamal Bhattacharjee, but also such name as Janakinath Ghoshal, the brother-in-law of Rabindranath Tagore, Hemchandra Bannerjee, the well-known poet and W.C. Bannerjee, the first President of the Indian National Congress. There is another name, i.e., Ishwar Chandra Bannerjee, who, according to Forbes, is none other than our Vidyasagar,²⁰ and Dwaraka Nath Mitra, the friend of Vidyasagar and a famous lawyer, who learned French in order to read Auguste Comte in original.

In the spread of Positivism in Bengal, the foreigners who influenced the local intellectuals are Richard Congrave, Sammuel Lobb and K.S. Macdonald. The people who were most influenced by them were Girish Chandra Ghosh and justice Dwarakanath Mitra. A positivist club was set up in Calcutta in 1873 under their influence whose motto was ‘order for its basis, love for its principles and progress for its end.’ Vijay Krishna Goswami, who later on turned out to be an utterly religious man and rejected the atheistic aspects of Positivism, retained at the same time the positivist ideal of social service and religion of humanity. Satish Chandra published articles in *The Dawn* interpreting Hindu Social matters from the positivist point of view. Krishnakamal Bhattacharya was contributing articles in *The Bengalee* from the positivist point of view and he declared “I am an atheist, I am a positivist.” Jogendra Chandra Ghosh’s articles on Hindu joint family and the caste system were



written from the positivist approach. It seems that Positivism dominated the Bengali intellectual scene from the 1850s through the 1870s. The philosophy of Comte influenced contemporary Bengal and one positivist writing a letter in *The Bengalee* affirmed, “that no earnest Inquirer can peruse such works as the ‘catechism’ and ‘the positive politics’ without being favourably influenced by the moral enthusiasm which pervades them.”

However, no account of Positivism in Bengal will be complete without mentioning the name of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya, who was also a confirmed positivist. Though Comte’s ‘Religion of Humanity’ as an impersonal god and as based on the principles of atheism, did not ultimately find its corroboration in Bankim’s writings and though Bankim was more influenced by this principle of utilitarianism of Bentham and James Mill, the influence of Comte on Bankim’s thought cannot be ignored. Says Brajendranath Seal, “Evidently the views on man and universe held by thinkers like Mill, Spencer and Darwin, have vitally affected Bankim Chandra’s interpretation of Hindu religion and philosophy, but the profoundest influence of all has been that of Auguste Comte, whose Positive Polity and Religion appear in almost everything that our author has to say on domestic, social and political ideas and institutions and the creation and conservation national life”.²¹

Bankim’s adherence to positivism became most manifest in his *Dharmatattwa* (1884-85). The definition of Religion, as given by Bankim, is this: “Religion in itself expresses the state of perfect unity which is the distinctive mark of man’s existence both as an individual and in society, when all the constituent parts of his nature, moral and physical are made habitually to converge towards one common purpose.” So this definition of Religion is both rationalistic and humanistic. He, like Comte, started with the constituent parts of man’s nature, moral and physical, though he sought their convergence not in an abstract ‘Humanity’ (as Comte did) but in a personal pantheistic god’. There

are references to Comte with approval, in Bankim’s early writings also. In the opening number of *Navajivan*, Bankim contributed an article under the caption ‘Dharmajijnasa’, clearly indicating his preference for a humanistic definition of Religion and quoting with approval the definition proposed by Comte. In *Prachar* likewise he wrote an article entitled ‘Hindu Dharma’, in which, following the same humanistic approach, he asserted ‘that alone was true Religion which furthered the cause of human development, physical, mental and social.’ Regarding his *Dharmatattwa* (Krishnacharitra), Binoy Kumar Sarkar offered an equation :

‘Dharmatattwa’ (Krishnacharitra)=Gita×Comte,²²

Without going into further detailed discussion, it may be said that minus the idea of atheism, Bankim was greatly influenced by Comte, as he was equally influenced by utilitarianism.

The cult of science which is involved in Positivism had another manifestation in Bankim’s writings. Knowing that the basis of Hindu philosophy is deductive knowledge, Bankim pleaded for inculcating the scientific culture to combat this. He pleaded that the universe is guided by certain “invariable physical laws” and expressed the opinion that ‘unflinching recognition of the sovereignty of law’ reigns over the abstract, metaphysical, thinking of Hindu Philosophy, knowledge of science and scientific thinking was the imperative necessity of the time.” To popularise scientific thinking, Bankim wrote *Vijnanrahasya*, wherein such articles as ‘Protoplasm’, ‘the age of man’, ‘Flight in the sky’, ‘Dust’ and many others like that are included. The objective was to popularize science and develop scientific outlook. It may be said that this was another manifestation of the positivist outlook of Bankim.

So, on the whole, if we look at the 19th century social thinkers it will be found that they raised fundamental social questions regarding the bases of social order. Customs, institutions and beliefs which were prevalent for centuries, came under the



scanner of their inquisitive mind. In raising these social questions and issues they not only looked inward towards their own past but they also looked outside and actively interacted with the great empiricist and scientific philosophies which were emerging in the west.

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Kolkata

Date : 6th May, 2024

Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick
President

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General Secretary's Report

Respected President of the Asiatic Society, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Sen, Former Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court & Former Governor of West Bengal, Dr. Sujit Kumar Das, Treasurer of the Asiatic Society, Distinguished Awardees of Medals, Plaques and Lectureships, Hon'ble Council Members and Members and dear Staff Members of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Guests and Friends, Good Afternoon.

I feel extremely privileged to welcome you all on behalf of the Council Members, Members and Staff Members of the Asiatic Society to the 240th Annual General Meeting and Awards Giving Ceremony of the Asiatic Society. We also feel delighted to have among us today in this historic hall of the heritage institution some of the eminent awardees of various Medals, Plaques which were conferred on them by the Council of the Society for the year 2023.

Let me now very briefly reflect back upon the various activities of the Society for the last one year. I am extremely privileged in placing before you the Annual Report of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, for the year 2023-2024. A detailed account of all of our activities is already available in our Monthly Bulletins which have been brought out regularly in both on-line and physical mode. That apart, the sectional reports which have been compiled in the Annual Report, will give all the details of our activities of the year.

The 241st Foundation Day was observed on 15th January, 2024. The Foundation Day Oration was delivered by Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Former Professor and Head, Department of English, Gauhati University and Sankaradeva Chair Professor of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University. He spoke on "The Knower and the Known : Aspects of Asiatic Researches into Assam".



The 239th Annual General Meeting and Awards Giving Ceremony of the Asiatic Society was held on 1st May, 2023. Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Patron of the Society graced the occasion as Guest-in-Chief of the ceremony. He was accompanied by Smt. L.S. Lakshmi, First Lady. An exhibition on this occasion was also organized in the Library of the Society where the Guest-in-Chief and other dignitaries visited. Thirteen medals/plaques including Honorary Fellowship of the Asiatic Society will be awarded to eminent personalities this year for their important contributions to diverse academic disciplines. The names of the ten recipients for the various Lectureships of the Asiatic Society for the year 2023 will also be announced at today's programme. Notable among them the Awardees present are Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, FNA, FIEEE, FTWAS, FNAE, FNASc, Professor, Machine Intelligence Unit and Director, Indian Statistical Institute, and eminent scientists who was conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Asiatic Society for the year 2023, Professor Chandrasekhar Kambar, eminent Kannada Folklorist and Padma Shri and Jnanpith Awardee, Professor Nagen Saikia, eminent Assamese Writer and Sahitya Academy Awardee, Professor Krishna Mohan Shrimali, Retired Professor of History at the University of Delhi, Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, former Indian Diplomat, Ms. Ritu Menon, Indian Feminist and Writer and Professor Manmohan Sharma, FRS, Eminent Chemical Engineer and Padma Bhushan Awardee etc. (1987).

We had organized a good number of National and International Seminars, Workshops, Exhibitions, Endowment and Special Lectures during the period. In this aggregation discussions were held on the contributions of pioneering individuals, social visionaries and academicians of eminence, in various fields of specialization. A good number of exhibitions were organized in observance of several important occasions. Apart from Endowment Lectures and Special Lectures, important Lectures

were regularly organized during each Monthly General Meeting where distinguished scholars belonging to various academic disciplines delivered lectures on interesting areas of their respective subjects.

Some valuable research projects on various subjects across many academic disciplines, both internal and external, were completed while others were progressing well. However, due to the budget constraints the research activities of the Society are being suffered substantially. Collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) which is a Deemed University was made and two seminar programmes have already been organized with them. Recently the Society has finally been able to get the gifted deed of the house of late Professor Shyamadas Chatterjee of 91 Ballygunge Place, Kolkata 700019 in the name of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata through the courtesy of S.D. Chatterjee Research Foundation. A proposal for setting up a Centre for Excellence in History of Sciences at the said premises has been under active consideration of the Society.

The Publication Section in the year 2023-2024 has published 13 New Books along with 2 Reprints, 4 Issues of Journal, 10 Issues of Monthly Bulletins and some booklets. Besides, the Section participated in the International Kolkata Book Fair (18th -31st January, 2024) and the Focal Theme was "United Kingdom". The Book Fair attracted well attended audience and 5 important books of the Society were released in the Book Fair. An Exhibition was organized on the theme "East meets West : Birth of the Asiatic Society" in collaboration with the Publishers & Booksellers Guild in another auditorium with 14 big panels and two small panels during the Book Fair (18-31 January, 2024) and it also attracted well attended audience.

The Library, Museum, Conservation, Reprography Sections have been carrying on with their respective assignments. The Library and Museum Sections,



apart extension of services to the scholars across the world, are up to their task of conservation of valuable books, documents, manuscripts, paintings and so on and so forth. Digitization of total 3,278 manuscripts (1,44,075 pages), rare documents, books and manuscripts have been done. The Society participated in the event “Festival of Libraries” organized by the Ministry of Culture at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi during the year.

Initiatives have also been taken to revamp the website of the Society with the technical help of National Informatics Centre and to increase the use of the social media network in order to reach the wider public. NIC mails have been introduced in the Society.

The Society has observed some important occasions such as World Heritage Day (18.04.2023), World Environment Day (06.06.2024), Observance of 203rd Birth Anniversary of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar (26.09.2023), International Women’s Day (08.03.2024) and so on. Lectures and Exhibitions were organized on these occasions. The birthdays of Swami Vivekananda (12.01.2024), Michael Madhusudan Dutta (23.02.2024), National Science Day (28.02.2024), Bhasa Diwas (21.02.2024) etc. were organized by the Society during the year.

During this period a meeting of the 41st Standing Finance Committee of the Society was held on

29.11.2023 to dispose of organizational and financial matters. A meeting of the Planning Board was held on 09.11.2023 in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Hon’ble Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The Security Section has been more vigilant and Administration and Accounts Section have improved their regular monitoring activities.

The service matters of the employees from time to time along with filling up of existing vacancies have also been addressed.

The Hindi Cell has picked up regular activities and has also organized the Hindi Pakhwada, Hindi Karmashala and other programmes at the Society.

To conclude let me once again reiterate that during the period being covered in this Annual Address, the Asiatic Society has been able to keep pace with its expected performance and has also been able to firmly gear up to undertake multiple academic activities in the coming months. The Members and Employees of the Society have always extended their full cooperation in successfully implementing all these programmes. Last but not the least Ministry of Culture, Government of India has also extended their overall support for all academic activities of the Society. Once again I welcome you all at the Annual General Meeting of the Society today.

Thank you, Namaskar.

Kolkata
6th May 2024

DR. S. B. CHAKRABARTI
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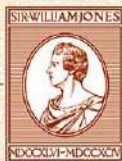
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9. **Professor Mahidas Bhattacharya**
Council Member
10. **Professor Badiur Rahman**
11. **Professor Mrinal Gangopadhyay**
12. **Professor Bijoya Goswami**
13. **Professor Amit Bhattacharjee**
14. **Professor Mou Dasgupta**



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26. **Professor Uma Chattopadhyay**
27. **Dr. Chandramalli Sengupta**
28. **Dr. Satarupa Dutta Majumder**

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

- Meeting of the Council : 11
- Meeting of the Standing Finance Committee : 01
- Monthly General Meeting : 09
- Annual General Meeting : 01
- Extra Ordinary General Meeting : 01
- Meeting of the Library Committee : 11
- Meeting of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee : 09
- Meeting of the Publication Committee : 11
- Meeting of the Academic Committee : 11

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Recipients of different Medals, Plaques and Lectureships of the Asiatic Society for the year 2023

Honorary Fellow:

Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay

Eminent Indian Computer Scientist, Director, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Padma Shri Awardee has been elected as Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society for the year 2023.

MEDAL/PLAQUE:

1. RABINDRANATH TAGORE BIRTH CENTENARY PLAQUE

Professor Chandrasekhar Kambar, Eminent Kannada Folklorist and Padma Shri and Jnanpith Awardee, for his Creative Contributions to Human Culture.

2. PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR GOLD PLAQUE

Shri Sumanta Banerjee, Eminent Historian, Journalist and Cultural Theorist, for his Significant Contributions to Contemporary Social issues.

3. INDIRA GANDHI GOLD PLAQUE

Professor Bashabi Fraser, Eminent Indian-born Scottish Academic, Writer and Co-founder and Director of the Scottish Centre of Tagore Studies, for her Significant Contributions to Inter-Cultural Co-operations.



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

Professor Nagen Saikia, Eminent Assamese Writer and Sahitya Academy Awardee, for his Important Contributions in the Academic Field.

**5. PROFESSOR HEM CHANDRA
RAYCHAUDHURI BIRTH
CENTENARY GOLD MEDAL**

Professor Krishna Mohan Shrimali, Retired Professor of History at the University of Delhi, for his Important Contributions in the Field of Indian History.

**6. R P CHANDA BIRTH CENTENARY
MEDAL**

Professor Triloki N. Pandey, Professor of Anthropology at University of California Santa Cruz, for his Important Contributions in Anthropology.

**7. SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD
MEDAL**

Dr. T C A Raghavan, Former Indian Diplomat and Former Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi for his Important Contributions to History.

**8. DR. PRABHATI MUKHERJEE
MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL**

Ms. Ritu Menon, Indian Feminist and Writer, for her Creative Contributions to the Subject of 'Women Question from Ancient Times to Date'.

**9. DURGA PRASAD KHAITAN
MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL**

Professor Man Mohan Sharma, FRS, Eminent Chemical Engineer and Padma Bhushan (1987) and Padma Vibhushan Awardee, for his Notable Contributions to Science.

**10. DR. BIMALA CHARAN LAW GOLD
MEDAL**

Professor Prabal Kumar Sen, Retired Professor of Philosophy, University of Calcutta, for his Important Contributions in the Field of Philosophy.

**11. DR. NARESH CHANDRA SENGUPTA
GOLD MEDAL**

Ms. Flavia Agnes, Eminent Women's Rights Lawyer, for her Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Society and Law in Ancient and Mediaeval India.

**12. RANADHIR ROY MEMORIAL GOLD
MEDAL**

Professor Buddhadev Das, Professor in Esraj, Department of Hindustani Classical Music, Sangeet Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, for his Creative Contributions to Instrumental Music.

**13. PROFESSOR NIRMAL NATH
CHATTERJEE MEDAL**

Ms. Ankita Basak, Research Scholar, Department of Geology, University of Calcutta, for her Important Contributions to the Knowledge of Economic Geology.

LECTURESHIP:

**1. PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA
VIDYASAGAR LECTURESHIP**

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Eminent Clinical Scientist, Former Chief Scientist at World Health Organization and Former Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research, for her Significant Contributions in the Field of Science and Technology.



2. RAJA RAJENDRALAL MITRA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor B.N. Patnaik, Retired Professor of English and Linguistics, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, for his Notable Contributions in the Field of Indological Studies.

3. INDIRA GANDHI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Eminent Literary Theorist, for her Significant Contributions in the Field of Cultural Pluralism.

4. PROFESSOR SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Goutam Sengupta, Retired Professor of Applied Linguistics, University of Hyderabad, for his Significant Contributions in the Field of Linguistics.

5. DR. PANCHANAN MITRA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Prasanta Kumar Chattopadhyay, Visiting Professor, College of Medicine and Forensics, Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China and Past-President, Indo-Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science, for his Significant Contributions in the Field of Anthropology.

6. DR. SATYENDRA NATH SEN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Abhirup Sarkar, Professor of

Economics at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata for his Significant Contributions in the Field of Social Science.

7. DR. BIMANBEHARI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Sashi Bala, Dean, Centre for Indology, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi, for her Notable Contributions in the Field of Indian History.

8. ABHA MAITI ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Promode Kumar Misra, Eminent Social Anthropologist, for his Significant Contributions towards the Development of Marginal Communities in India.

9. SWAMI PRANAVANANDA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

Professor Sukant K. Chaudhury, Professor of Eminence, Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow, for his Significant Contributions in the Field of Religion and Culture.

10. G.S.I. SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE LECTURESHIP

Professor Sudipta Sengupta, Retired Professor in Structural Geology in Jadavpur University, the first Indian Women to set foot on Antarctica, for her Significant Contributions in the Field of Earth Science.

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Major Resolutions Adopted and Items Reported in the Council during April 2023-March 2024

Meeting held on 25th April, 2023

- The General Secretary reported that the 239th Annual General Meeting and Award Giving Ceremony of the Society would be held on Monday, 1st May, 2023 at 5 p.m. at Vidyasagar Hall of the Society and Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Patron of the Asiatic Society Dr. C V Ananda Bose had kindly consented to be present therein. He requested all the members to attend the programme. [Ref: Under any other item]

Meeting held on 30th May, 2023

- The Council noted the Budget Estimate sanctioned by the Ministry of Culture for the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for FY 2023-24 and approved the activity -wise physical targets and financial allocations proposed in the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for FY 2023-24.

In this context, Professor Basudeb Barman requested to propose for higher allocation of funds under the activity heads by increasing it by at least 15% of the total budget while sending the revised estimates for 2023-24 and if needed, to send a delegation to the Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Government of India, for this purpose. [Ref: Agenda Item No 9]

- The Council approved the Annual Accounts of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2022-23 as circulated and authorized the General Secretary to make necessary arrangements for undertaking the audit and certification of the accounts by the Office of the Director General of Audit (Central), Kolkata. [Ref: Agenda Item No10]



Meeting held on 25th July, 2023

- On the point raised by Professor Asok Kanti Sanyal, Treasurer (Acting), the Council decided to implement a charge of Rs 100/- along with postage for the issuance of new cards to the members who lost their cards or desired to exchange damaged cards, or converted their membership status from an Ordinary Member to a Life Member. [Ref: Under any other Item]

Meeting Held on 29th August, 2023

- The Council unanimously adopted the Audited Accounts and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the accounts of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2022-23. Further, considering the urgency, the Council approved the proposal to place the Audited Accounts and the Separate Audit Report of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the year 2022-23 before the general body of the Society for consideration and adoption in compliance with Regulation 59A of the Asiatic Society in the Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Society to be convened on 4th September, 2023 under Regulation 51. The Council requested the General Secretary to observe all the necessary formalities in this regard immediately. [Ref: Agenda Item No 8]
- The Council noted the facts and approved the arrangements for loaning fifteen artefacts [comprising twelve manuscripts, two litho-plates and one rare book] from the collection of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the G20 Exhibition being organized by the Ministry of Culture at National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi in September 2023 in the context of ensuing G20 Summit in India. [Ref: Agenda Item No 10]

- The General Secretary reported that Post-Congress Seminar in connection with 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress (to be held from 14 to 20 October, 2023 in Delhi) will be held on 27th and 28th October, 2023 at the Asiatic Society on the topic “The Roots of Indian Anthropology: Transition from the Colonial period to the Present”. He placed a budget of Rs. 1.60 lakhs for the purpose. The Council noted the fact and approved the budget. [Ref: Under Any Other Item]

- The General Secretary reported that the Society currently maintains a ‘Confidential Report’ system for its employees, which needs updation because the external experts of various DPCs and other Committees raised this issue. Hence, the system of maintaining Annual Performance Assessment Reports (APARs) presently followed in Central Govt offices including Central Autonomous Bodies needs to be introduced in the Society w.e.f 2022-23. The Director of the Society, with the permission of the Chair, explained that APARs is an objective assessment of the work and conduct of an employee and serve as a main criterion for the confirmation, promotion etc. of the employees. Considering its importance, the Council approved the introduction of APARs system w.e.f. 2022-23. [Ref: Under Any Other Item]

Meeting held on 27th September, 2023

- The Council unanimously accepted the nomination of Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, eminent Indian computer scientist and Director, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata as Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society for the year 2023 in terms of the provision of clauses 2,3 and 4 of the



By-Laws IV of the Asiatic Society regarding election of Honorary Fellow and decided to place the unanimous nomination of Professor Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay in the next Monthly General Meeting for approval as per Clauses 6 and 7 of the said By-Laws. [Ref: Agenda Item No 10]

Meeting held on 28th November, 2023

- The General Secretary (Acting) reported that in response to a request from HQ, Eastern Command, the Society had decided to exhibit some of its publications focused on North East and India-China affairs at a Strategic Seminar on China scheduled on 1st December, 2023, at Fort William. The Council endorsed the proposal. [Ref: Agenda Item No 6]
- The Chairman apprised the members that 241st Foundation Day of the Society would be commemorated on 15th January, 2024 and Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, former Professor and Head, Department of English, Gauhati University and Sankaradeva Chair Professor of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University would be requested to deliver the Foundation Day Oration. The Council noted the information. [Ref: Agenda Item No 7]

Meeting held on 28th December, 2023

- The General Secretary reported that the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the FY 2022-23 had been laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 11.12.2023 and the Rajya Sabha on 14.12.2023. The Council noted the fact and congratulated all the concerned officials of the Society for completing the entire process within the stipulated time. [Ref: Agenda Item No 7]

The Council noted the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Planning Board of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata held on 9th November, 2023 for necessary action. [Ref: Agenda Item No 8]

- The Council noted the minutes of the 41st meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata held on 29th November, 2023 through video conferencing, for necessary action.

Further, the Council entrusted the Treasurer to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in the matter relating to extension of service to the employees of the Society beyond 60 years of age. [Ref: Agenda Item No 9]

Meeting held on 27th February, 2024

- The General Secretary informed the Council members that the Society had successfully completed the registration process of the gift deed of the property of late Professor Shyamadas Chatterjee at 91, Ballygunge Place, Kolkata 700029 with the help and cooperation of S.D. Chatterjee Research Foundation. The Council acknowledged this achievement and extended gratitude to the General Secretary and the Treasurer for their initiatives. The Council also conveyed and extended gratitude to the S.D. Chatterjee Research Foundation for their invaluable assistance and support in this matter. The Treasurer emphasized that a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- was approved by the Council earlier for undergoing various legal litigation processes in this regard. To meet the remaining legal expenses, the Treasurer proposed an additional amount of Rs. 50,000/-. The Council approved the proposal. [Ref: Under Any Other Item]
- The General Secretary informed the



members that he has received a letter from Ministry of Culture dated 21.02.2024 requesting the nomination of a Representative of Society to the reconstituted Society of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata for a period of five years w.e.f. 02.08.2023. The Council decided to nominate the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society to the reconstituted Society of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata for a period of five years w.e.f. 02.08.2023. [Ref: Under Any Other Item]

- Upon the Treasurer's report, the Council decided to exclusively procure all Endowment Medals and Plaques of the Society from the Central Government Mint in Kolkata, adhering to the design recommendations put forth by the Committee constituted for the revision of medals and plaques. Also, the Council decided to solicit quotation from the Mint for various materials (such as Silver, Bronze, Copper or Brass) required in the preparation of these medals and plaques. Based on this quotation and the availability of fund, a comprehensive proposal

specifying the use of a particular material for crafting a particular medal/plaque will be circulated to the Members of the Council for their comments and approval. [Ref: Under Any Other Item]

Meeting held on 28th March, 2024

- The Council accepted the Report on important activities and achievements of the different sections of the Society during the year 2023-24 for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata for the period. [Ref: Agenda Item No 10]
- The Director presented a communication received from the Ministry of Culture, vide. No F. No 20-2/2024-A&A dated 28.03.2024, regarding the immediate compliance with the Aadhar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata. The Council noted the communication and emphasized the need for its immediate implementation. Furthermore, the Council approved the proposal to implement the AEBAS at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata, through the Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL). [Ref: Under Any Other Item]

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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 publications in different series.

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 (01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024) 15 titles of books, four issues of the Journal of the Asiatic Society, ten issues of Monthly Bulletin, and five numbers of other publications including booklets have been published.

The Asiatic Society participated in the International Kolkata Book Fair 2024, Exhibition cum Sale at the Eastern Command China Seminar at Fort William for enhancement of sales proceeds. Efforts to contact the book-sellers, academic institutions, libraries etc. have also been made.



Publications during 2023-2024

Books

- *Prakrita Bhugol* by Rajendralala Mitra
- *Life and Works of Sister Nivedita* ed. by Somnath Mukhopadhyay and Suswagata Bandhyopadhyay
- *A Descriptive Catalogue of Bris-Ma : Hand-written manuscripts of the Tibetan Kanjur* comp. by Bhakti De
- *Numismatic Supplements, Vol. II, Supplements XVII-XXX*
- *Vanausadhi Darpana* by Birajacharana Gupta Kavyatirtha ed. by Brahmananda Gupta and Abichal Chattopadhyay
- *Dasagrivaraksasabadhacarita* ed. by Anasuya Bhowmick
- *Indian Grammatical Tradition* ed. by Shyamsundar Bhattacharya
- *Octavio Paz on India : A study in Hispanic Orientalism* by Jyoti Ghosh
- *Twelve Boro Short Stories* ed. by Sayantan Dasgupta and Chandramalli Sengupta
- *Baroti Boro Choto Galpa* ed. by Chandramalli Sengupta and Sayantan Dasgupta
- *Language, Communication and Conflict in South and Southeast Asia* ed. by Aditi Ghosh
- *A Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Collection of the Asiatic*

Society, Vol.III—Purana comp. by Bibekananda Banerjee, ed. by S. R. Banerjee

- *Tana Poren—Banglar Tantsilper Atit, Bartaman O Bhabisyat* ed. by Sujit Kumar Das
- *Folklore of the Kolhan* by C. H. Bompas (Reprint) with an introduction & editorial notes by Pallab Sengupta, Arpita Basu and Sarmistha De Basu
- *Centenary Review of The Asiatic Society, 1784 – 1883 (Reprint)*

Periodical

- *Journal of The Asiatic Society*, Vol. LXV No. 1, 2, 3, 4 — 2023
- *Monthly Bulletin of The Asiatic Society*, Vol. LII, No. 04 to 10 — 2023
- *Monthly Bulletin of The Asiatic Society*, Vol. LIII, No. 01 to 03 — 2024

Booklets

- Catalogue of Available Publications, April 2023
- Presidential Address, 2022-2023
- General Secretary's Report, 2022-2023
- Brochure on *Centenary Homage to Professor A. K. Choudhury* on 18th November 2023.
- Catalogue of Available Publications, December 2023

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Activities : Library Section

Library

The Library of the Asiatic Society with its long glorious history of two hundred thirty-nine years is the most important component of the 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 content.

The holding consists of more than 1,34,379 books and 1,09,133 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 scholars pursuing research in different branches of study and belonging to various 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 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Reader's services through the internet and e-mail have also been successfully rendered from time to time. The computerized index of the articles published in the Journal of the Asiatic Society is also consulted by the readers. The activities of the Library are planned and monitored by the Library Committee set up by the Council.



Activities during the period:

- The Library was physically open to readers & scholars of India & Abroad for 291 days and served 4908 readers.
- 509 books have been accessioned and 615 books have been processed in different languages and different subjects.
- Library receives 28 issues of subscribed journals. The library received 100 issues of journals in exchange and 27 issues of journals as Gifts during the period.
- 4908 readers used the Library. 1703 books were issued to the readers and 997 books were returned by them.
- Reference services related to books and manuscripts through e-mail were provided as per demand.
- An internship program was conducted by the library for 5 students of the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Calcutta from 11th August 2023 to 11th September 2023.

Visit of Library by different Institutions:

- 05.04.2023: A team of 7 students from Bangabasi College, Kolkata.
- 16.05.2023: A team of 5 students from The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata.
- 01.06.2023: A team of 39 students and 1 faculty member from Rammohan College, Kolkata.
- 11.07.2023: 2 research interns from the Eastern Command, Kolkata.
- 25.07.2023: A team of 12 members including 9 students, 2 faculties and 1 staff from the Department of Library & Information Science, Sikkim University, Sikkim.

- 02.08.2023: A team of 5 students along with 2 faculties from the Department of Sanskrit, Sivanath Sastri College, Kolkata.
- 21.08.2023: A team of 10 participants from the Indian Science News Association and Vigyan Prasar, DST, Govt. of India.
- 24.08.2023: A team of 6 students from the University of Calcutta, Kolkata.
- 26.09.2023: A team of 40 students and 4 faculty members from Lajpat Hindi High School, Khidirpur.
- 03.10.2023: A team of 7 students from the University of Kalyani, Kalyani.
- 06.10.2023: A team of 9 students from Sister Nibedita Govt. General Degree College for Girls, Kolkata.
- 10.10.2023: A team of 130 students and faculty members from Mahesh Sri Ramkrishna Ashram Vidyalaya (H.S), Rishra.
- 13.10.2023: A team of 24 students and 6 faculty members from Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata.
- 16.11.2023: 4 library trainees (2 from Nagaland and 2 from Kolkata) of Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
- 17.11.2023: A team of 24 students and 2 guides from Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam.
- 24.11.2023: A team of 20 students and 2 faculty members from Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyapith, Birati.
- 08.12.2023: A team of 28 students from Netaji Subhas Open University, Kalyani.
- 21.12.2023: A team of 45 students and 8 faculty members from P.R. Thakur Govt. College, Thakurnagar.



- 21.12.2023: A team of 21 students from Jhapordah Duke Institution, Howrah.
- 28.02.2024: A team of 21 students and 2 teachers from Berhampur University, Brahmapur, Odisha.
- 01.03.2024: A team of 6 students from the Sanskrit College and University of Sanskrit Department, Kolkata.
- 05.03.2024: A team of 52 students from Netaji Satabarshiki Mahavidyalaya, Ashoknagar.
- 07.03.2024: A team of 8 members from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
- 07.03.2024: A team of 6 students from Presidency University, Kolkata.

[Held from 5th August 2023 to 6th August 2023]

- October 27, 2023: Book exhibition on Post Congress 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress. [Held from 27th October 2023 to 28th October 2023]
- February 21, 2024: Book exhibition on International Mother Language Day.

Digitization:

The Digitization Programme of its rich collection of Manuscripts is in progress. Under the in-house digitization programme, a total of 273 manuscripts (30,914 pages) have been digitized during the period. During the same period, the outsourced agency of the Society has digitized a total of 3,278 manuscripts (1,44,075 pages) along with the creation of its metadata.

Exhibitions and display of Books & Journals:

Exhibitions on various topics are frequently organised as a part of various seminars and conferences organised by the Society from time to time. To felicitate dignitaries on their visit to the Society, exhibitions showcasing the treasures of the Asiatic Society are also organised. In these exhibitions, the Library displays rare books, journals, photographs, documents etc. emphasizing the rich and varied resources of the Library. During the period, the following exhibitions were arranged which were highly appreciated by the scholars and media.

- May 1, 2023: Book exhibition on the occasion of the visit by Shri C.V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal along with the 1st Lady at the 239th Annual General Meeting.
- August 5, 2023: Library of Asiatic Society participated in the event "Festival of Libraries" organized by the Ministry of Culture at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Digital Archive:

The Society is in the process of customizing & upgrading its digital archive platform – DSpace. At present 2,698 manuscripts, 769 microfiche collection materials, and 504 books are available on the internal server. The verified scanned documents are being progressively uploaded to the archive, leading to a gradual increase in the collection.

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 external researchers and scholars 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, a total of 84441 bibliographical records are with the library management software. The Society has decided to convert all the data from 'Libsys10' to 'Koha', and the conversion process is ongoing.

Physical Stock Verification of Library Books:

The work of physical verification was started in September 2019 with the help of the barcoding of books. As on 31st March 2024, the total number of print books verified was 53,541.

Circulation:

The automated circulation system is maintained along 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, catalogues of renowned publishing houses were utilized.

Eminent Visitors:

- Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Honorable Governor of West Bengal and Patron of the Asiatic Society along with Smt. Lakshmi Ananda Bose, Honorable First Lady of West Bengal.
- Brigadier D.S. Rathore, Eastern Command, Fort William, Kolkata.
- Dr. Junji Koizumi, President, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), Osaka, Japan.

Museum

The Museum of the Asiatic Society is a repository of priceless & unique collections of manuscripts in different languages and scripts. A good number of catalogues were published by the Asiatic Society, both Descriptive and Tabular which are remarkable deeds in the study and research of manuscripts. The manuscript collection of the Society is varied and rich and covers most of the Indian languages and scripts. The total number of manuscripts now possessed by the Society in its Museum is 51,022. The manuscripts are classified under different collections viz, Indian Museum Collection, Govt. Collection, Society Collection, New Society Collection, R.K. Dev Collection, Hodgson Collection, Islamic Collection, etc. Some of the oldest and rarest manuscripts possessed by the Society are *Kubjikamatam* of the 7th century A.D. written in Gupta Brahmi Script,

Maitreyavyakarana of 10th Century A.D, *Kalachakravatara* of Abhyankara Gupta dated to 1125 A.D, *Samputatika* of 1025 A.D. etc

Apart from manuscripts, the Museum & Manuscript Section of the Asiatic Society also possesses old coins in various metals, inscriptions inscribed on Copper Plates and 78 very rich and valuable oil paintings, mostly portraits. Many of these were painted by Robert Home, Joshua Reynolds, Guido, Daniel etc. Some famous paintings that are housed in this Museum of Cleopatra, A Ghat at Benaras, Cupid Asleep on the Cloud, Warren Hastings, John Dewitt, Wellesley, Infant Christ, Ruins of Mahavalipuram, Woman Taken in Adultery etc.

Sculptures and Metal Objects in the possession of the Asiatic Society are rich in respect of number and historical importance. Among these, are the



stone sculpture of Brahma, made of Black Basalt, Period 12th Century A.D., Vishnu, made of Black Basalt Stone, 11th Century A.D., Brass statue of Dharm Raja, (at present, this statue is in Bhutan) 1864, Ashokan Rock Edict in early Brahmi Script and of Prakrit language dated 250 B.C are some of the rare objects of this museum.

A large number of survey maps drawn by British surveyors in the 18th & 19th centuries are also in the possession of the museum. Some remarkable maps reflect the change in the socio-political, economic & cultural scenario of India.

In addition, a large number of old Correspondences of eminent personalities and Rare Books some of which date back to 1784, just after the Society was founded are also preserved here.

Brief activities during the period:

- Cataloguing, checking and preparing top-sheets of manuscripts of the Indian Museum Collection (22120 folios and 2447 top-sheets) have been done.
- Digitization work is in progress. At present Manuscripts scanned for Digitization approx. 5753. Before scanning a careful observation of the manuscripts which includes removing dust, verification of metadata, rechecking and preparing top sheets are going on.
- 1st proof checking of the Tabular Catalogue of Arabic Manuscripts has been completed.
- During the period, service was extended to 494 readers and scholars of Indian origin who consulted 2410 manuscripts and other documents in the Reading Room of the Museum of the Asiatic Society. Besides, online services were provided to a good number of scholars.
- A good number of visitors visited the Museum in a regular manner. A free guide

service for general and distinguished Visitors is provided. 187 Indian Visitors and 19 Foreign Visitors from different country have visited the Museum during the period.

- Physical Verification of museum objects has been started from 20th September 2023 (525 objects have been verified up to 31.03.2024). External members were engaged for the Physical Verification of the museum objects among which manuscripts, rare books and paintings were primarily taken into consideration.
- Manuscripts with top-sheets are sent for scanning for the readers, scholars & renowned Institutions as per their requisition and data entry of the Museum Objects has also been updated.
- The compilation work of *Vaisnava* manuscripts comprising various collections has been submitted to the Publication section.
- Compilation work of the work of 2 English files containing 120 correspondences regarding Sir P.O.Bodding with the Society has been documented.
- On the basis of the MoU signed between IGNCA, New Delhi and The Asiatic Society, Kolkata a Manuscript Conservation Centre was established named Asiatic Society Kolkata Manuscript Conservation Centre (ASK MCC). One (01) Senior Conservator and two (02) Conservators were engaged (purely temporary basis) and a conservation laboratory was set up under ASK MCC. Conservation of manuscripts and rare books has been started in the newly formed conservation laboratory and preventive conservation of 329 folios and curative conservation of 37 folios were done upto 31.03.2024.



Other Works:

- A six (06) day workshop on Manuscriptology & Palaeography was organized by the Academic Section of the Society from 11th – 16th December 2023 in which the Museum Section played an important role. Cataloguers of the museum section taught the techniques of cataloguing to the participants of the workshop. A museum visit was also held on the last day of the workshop.
- Preparation & Printing of Museum Souvenirs i.e. Post Cards, Posters, Replicas, brochure Coaster, Note-Pad, tea-box etc.

Exhibitions organised:

- Participated in the "International Museum Expo" at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on and from 18th May 2023 to 20th May 2023 organized by the Ministry of Culture.

- Participated in the exhibition "Roots and Routes" on the occasion of G-20, at the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi started from September 2023 organized by the Ministry of Culture.
- Exhibition held in connection with the Post Congress of 19th IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) from 27th-28th October 2023
- Participated in the 2nd Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Smarak Vigyan Mela O Pradarshani held from 5th to 7th January 2024 at the West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences (WBUAFS).
- An exhibition themed "East meets West: Birth of the Asiatic Society" was organized at the 47th International Kolkata Book Fair 2024 held from 18th to 31st January 2024.

Conservation

The Conservation Laboratory of the Asiatic Society has been preserving and restoring rare books, manuscripts, plates, maps, etc. The functions of the division are highly technical and work is 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.

Activities during the period:

- No. of books & mss. were physically verified from the Conservation point
1872
- No. of book-worm infested books and mss. were fumigated
4089

- No. of sheets (full of patches) was de-laminated before lamination
1534
- No. of sheets was paginated before treatment
3680
- No. of brittle & fragile sheets was de-acidified before lamination
2999
- No. of warm eaten and jammed sheets of mss. and rare books were carefully Separated for its reconditioning
1570
- No. of torn sheets was mended before lamination
1630
- No. of brittle sheets of paper mss. were examined
1621



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| ● No. of delicate sheets laminated using imported tissue paper (U.K. Origin) and cellulose acetate foil. 1896 | ● No. of volumes departmentally bound 316 |
| ● No. of delicate sheets laminated using Tissue Papers U.K. Origin & C.M.C. & M.C. Paste 2856 | ● No. Photo Lamination completed 47 |
| ● No. of sheets trimmed after mending and lamination 4732 | ● No. of fillers prepared 498 |
| | ● No. of Spiral Binding completed 30 |

Reprography

Reprography is the reproduction of graphics through mechanical or electrical means such as photography or xerography. The 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:

- **Photocopy:** During the period the section prepared 1,18,763 photocopies for official purposes and 7,442 photocopies from library materials under reader services.
- **Digitization:** In-house digitization of old & rare manuscripts and books of the Society

is done to prevent these invaluable collections from frequent handling by users. Digitization work is carried out with the help of one 'Bookeye 2' scanner, one 'Bookeye 4' scanner and a digital camera. During the period the section prepared 30914 exposures of 273 manuscripts.

- **General Photography:** Photo coverage of Seminars, Lectures, and Workshops organised by the Society and also of important dignitaries who visited the Society is taken by the section. During the period the Section took 3003 nos. photographs for official purposes. These photographs are published regularly in the Monthly Bulletin of the Society.

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 2023-2024 (April 2023-March 2024) is given below:

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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: PANDIT ISWAR CHANDRA VIDYASAGAR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Sri Pradyut Shil [Language & Literature]
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Mahidas Bhattacharya
- Date of joining: 27.01.2020
- Topic: Vidyasagarer Shiksha o Samajbhavna Alope Birsimha o Tatsamlagna Gramgular Bartaman Shikshagata Ebong Samajgata Abasthan
- Date of Completion: 26.07.2023
- Final report submitted.

2. PROJECT: INDOLOGY

- Name of Research Fellow: Ms. Sneha Agarwala
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Tapati Mukherjee
- Date of Joining: 22.09.2021.
- Topic: Revisiting the Contribution of Rajendralal Mitra in Manuscriptology.
- Date of Completion: 21.09.2024.

3. PROJECT: MOULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN PERSIAN AND ARABIC STUDIES

- Name of Research Fellow: Dr. Shahid Alam
- Name of Supervisor: Dr M.Firoze

- Date of Joining: 29.09.2021
- Topic: Contributions of European Scholar to Persian Studies in Bengal with Special reference to the Asiatic Society.
- Date of Completion: 28.09.2024.

4. PROJECT: SARAT CHANDRA ROY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN ANTHROPOLOGY

- Name of Research Fellow: Dr. Debasree Chowdhury
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Ranjana Ray
- Date of Joining: 01.10.2021
- Topic: The Lodhas: An Anthropological Perspective from Past to Present in Rural-Urban Context.
- Date of Completion: 30.09.2024.

5. PROJECT: NORTH EAST INDIA STUDIES

- Name of Research Fellow: Ms. Homngai Mossang
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri
- Joint Supervisor: Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti
- Date of Joining: 08.10.2021
- Topic: Ethnographic Research on the Bordering Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Date of Completion: 31.03.2024.

6. PROJECT: SIR WILLIAM JONES RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN SANSKRITIC STUDY

- Name of Research Fellow: Shri Shubhajyoti Das
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Debarchana Sarkar
- Date of Joining: 20.09.2023



- Topic: Text-critical edition of *Śūlapāni's Prāyaścittavivekah*

- Date of Completion: 19.09.2024

7. PROJECT: HISTORY OF SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Ms. Sohini Das
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Mahua Sarkar
- Date of Joining: 21.09.2023
- Topic: Imperialism and forestry in India: Works of William Schlich, Berthold Ribbentrop and E.P. Stebbing (1881-1917).
- Date of Completion: 20.09.2024

8. PROJECT: HISTORY OF MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Dr. Gourav Debnath
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Arabinda Samanta
- Date of Joining: 25.09.2023
- Topic: The Lepcha community in North Sikkim and their medicinal practices: A case study of the intersection of indigenous medicines and ancient ayurveda shastras.
- Date of Completion: 24.09.2024

9. PROJECT: FOLKLORE AND CULTURE FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Dr. Swapan Barman
- Name of Supervisor: Dr. Sk Makbul Islam
- Date of Joining: 26.09.2023
- Topic: উত্তরবঙ্গের রাজবংশী সমাজের লোকগান সংগ্রহ ও সমীক্ষা
- Date of Completion: 25.09.2024

10. PROJECT: JAMES PRINSEP FELLOWSHIP FOR EPIGRAPHY AND NUMISMATICS

- Name of Research Fellow: Dr. Anuja Bose
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Rajat Sanyal
- Date of Joining: 27.09.2023
- Topic: Sigilographic Material from early Bengal: a comprehensive study
- Date of Completion: 26.09.2024

11. PROJECT: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS FELLOWSHIP

- Name of Research Fellow: Shri Srijan De Sarker
- Name of Supervisor: Professor Swapan Basu
- Date of Joining: 03.10.2023
- Topic: ভার্নাকুলার লিটারেচার সোসাইটি (বঙ্গভাষানুবাদক সমাজ) ও উনিশ শতকের বাংলা সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতি।
- Date of Completion: 02.10.2024

12. PROJECT: VEDIC DICTIONARY OF PROPER NAMES

- Name of the Research Fellows:
 1. Samima Yeasmin
Date of Joining: 19.07.2019
Date of Completion: 02.06.2024
 2. Dr Priyanku Chakraborty
Date of Joining: 12.09.2022
Date of Completion: 02.06.2024.
- Name of the Honorary Project Director: Professor Samiran Chandra Chakrabarti
- The work is continuing.



B. POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROJECT:

1. PROJECT: PALI AND PRAKRIT STUDIES

- Name of the Research Fellow: Dr. Saheli Das (Sarkar)
- Date of Joining: 25.10.2021
- Topic: A study on *Bhikkhunipacittiyapalitonissaya*
- Date of Completion: 24.10.2024

C. ON-GOING EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROJECTS:

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

- Name of Research Assistants: Smt. Payel Saha and Smt. Utsa Bose
- Principal Investigator: Dr. Nibedita Ganguly
- Date of Commencement of the project: 12.02.2019
- Date of Completion: 31.07.2023
- Final report submitted.

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

- Name of Research Assistant: Sri Abhirup Mukherjee
- Principal Investigator: Dr. Buddhadeb Bandyopadhyay (since 17.03.2021)
- Date of Commencement: 12.07.2019
- Date of Completion: 17.07.2023
- Final report yet to submit.

3. PROJECT: AN UNTOLD JOURNEY OF A RUSSIAN INDOLOGIST GERASIM STEPANOVICH LEBEDEV

- Principal Investigator: Dr. Atmoja Bose
- Date of Commencement: 12.05.2021
- Date of Completion: 11.05.2026
- The work is continuing.

4. PROJECT: PREPARATION FOR FACSIMILE EDITION OF THE VIVIDARTHA SANGRAHA (7 VOLS.)

- Name of Research Assistant: Sri Srijan De Sarker
- Principal Investigator: Professor Swapan Basu
- Date of Commencement: 09.03.2022
- Date of Completion: 08.09.2023
- Final report submitted.

5. PROJECT: RASARATNAMALA OF NARASIMHA KAVIRAJ : A LESS KNOWN ALCHEMIC TEXT (TEXT, TRANSLATION FROM SANSKRIT TO ENGLISH AND CRITICAL NOTES)

- Project Investigators: Dr. Rita Bhattacharya and Dr. Bandana Mukherjee
- Date of Commencement: 07.03.2022
- Date of Completion: 06.03.2024
- Final report yet to submit.

6. PROJECT: STUDIES ON SOME EDIBLE FRESHWATER AND ESTUARINE MOLLUSK (ANIMALIA: INVERTEBRATA) OF SOUTHERN WEST BENGAL, INDIA, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR NUTRITIONAL AND MEDICINAL VALUE AND



RELATION TO WOMEN WELLBEING

- Project Investigator: Dr. Mousumi Roy
- Coordinator: Professor Asok Kanti Sanyal
- Date of Commencement: 01.11.2023
- Date of Completion: 31.10.2024
- The work is continuing.

7. PROJECT: UNISH O BINGSHA SHATAKER BANGLA SAHITYE AYURVED: EKTI OITIHASIK SAMIKSHA

- Project Investigator: Dr. Ajanta Biswas
- Date of Commencement: 12.01.2024
- Date of Completion: 11.01.2025
- The work is continuing.

8. PROJECT: WILLIAM CAREY AND BOTANY

- Project Investigator: Dr. Saptarshi Mallick
- Date of Commencement: 18.12.2023
- Date of Completion: 17.12.2024
- The work is continuing.

D. APPROVED EXTERNAL PROJECTS 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. 'The contribution of Baren Basu and other Bengali Soldiers in the struggle for World peace and Anti War'.
Principal Investigator of the project: Dr. Jyoti Prasad Roy.

3. "Krishnaleela or the Stories of Life of Sri Krishna rewritten on the Brick Temples : Survey and Documentation of Terracotta Ornamentations".

Principal Investigator of the project: Dr. Apurba Kumar Chattopadhyay.

4. 'Documentation analysis and interpretation of the indigenous literature 'Namtho Namthar' of the Lepcha (language of North East India)'

Principal Investigator of the project: Dr. Satarupa Dattamajumdar.

E. EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROJECT: HOSTED BY THE ASIATIC SOCIETY.

1. Project: "Gendered Spaces in Purulia Chhou: Present Scenario and Future Prospects." with the financial assistance from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sharmila Chandra

Date of Commencement: 29.12.2021

Date of Completion: 28.12.2023

F. LECTURES/SEMINARS/ CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / SYMPOSIUM / COLLOQUIUM

During the year 2023-24, 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

APRIL 2023

● 5th April 2023

Dr. Panchanan Mitra Memorial Lectureship for the year 2020

Speaker: Professor Sarit Kumar Chaudhuri, Dean, FSS, Department of Anthropology, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh.

Topic: Evolving Tribal Situation in Arunachal Pradesh: Anthropological Insights.

● 6th April 2023

G.S.I. Sesquicentennial Commemorative Lectureship for the year 2021.

Speaker: Professor N.V. Chalapathi Rao, EPMA & SEM Laboratories, Department of Geology, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

Topic: A Journey to the Centre of the Earth: Snapshots from Kimberlites, related rocks and their entrained xenoliths/xenocrysts.

● 18th April 2023

Observation of World Heritage Day 2023 on Ancient Monuments of India.

An exhibition of Lithoplates & Photographs in the Museum collection of the Asiatic Society Kolkata.

● 26th April 2023

Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lectureship for the year 2021.

Speaker: Professor Pramod Kumar Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed University), Pune.

Topic: Phonological Uniformity in Indic Languages.

MAY 2023

● 1st May 2023

239th Annual General Meeting and Awards Giving Ceremony of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

Guest in Chief: Dr C.V. Ananda Bose, Honorable Governor of West Bengal & Smt. Lakshmi Ananda Bose, Honorable First Lady of West Bengal.

● 15th to 19th May 2023

A five-day Workshop on 'History of Science'. Release of a Book by Professor Deepak Kumar, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Co-ordinators: Professor Rajkumar Roy Choudhury and Professor Syamal Chakrabarti.

● 26th May 2023

A Special Lecture on the topic 'Food Habit and Cancer Prevention'

Speaker: Dr. Sankar Kumar Nath, Eminent Oncologist & Medical Science Secretary, the Asiatic Society

JUNE 2023

● 6th June 2023

Celebration of World Environment Day 2023 followed by Sit and Draw, Extempore speech, and Quiz Competition.

Coordinator: Professor Asok Kanti Sanyal,



Biological Science Secretary, the Asiatic Society.

● **17th June 2023**

Birth Centenary Year Celebration of Eminent Economist Prof. Amlan Dutta in collaboration with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake.

Speaker: Mr Ashish Lahiri, renowned scholar.

Topic: 'Tagore and Gandhi in Professor Amlan Dutta's Perspective'.

● **22nd June 2023**

Indira Gandhi Memorial Lecture for the year 2022.

Speaker: Swami Suparnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture.

Topic: 'Living a Meaningful life'.

● **24th June 2023-30th June 2023**

Birth Centenary year celebration of Eminent Film Director Sri Mrinal Sen in collaboration with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake and Eisenstein Cine Club, Gorky Sadan followed by a Commemorative Exhibition and Film Shows.

JULY 2023

● **22nd July 2023**

A Half-day collaborative seminar remembering Professor Ranajit Guha in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.

Speakers: Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, Professor Ranjit Sen, Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Professor Subhas Ranjan Chakraborty, Professor Sukanta Chaudhuri.

● **27th July 2023**

A Two-Hour Awareness Session on Dementia in collaboration with Alzheimer's & Related Disorders Society of India, Calcutta Chapter.

Speakers: Dr. Nilanjana Maulik, Vice-Chair, Alzheimer's And Related Disorders Society of India and Dr Sankar Kumar Nath, Medical Science Secretary, the Asiatic Society.

AUGUST 2023

● **5th August 2023**

One-day seminar on "Sri Aurobindo: A Journey of Consciousness" in order to celebrate 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo in collaboration with Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Kolkata.

● **25th August 2023**

One-day seminar on "Insights into Social Inclusion: Lived Experiences of Individuals with Autism and their Families" in collaboration with Autism Society West Bengal.

SEPTEMBER 2023

● **1st September 2023**

Seminar on "Harappan Culture in Retrospect: Revisiting on Archaeological Discovery".

Speakers: Professor Arun Bandopadhyay, Dr. Phanikanta Mishra, Dr. Kaushik Gangopadhyay, Smt. Bahata Angshumali Mukherjee, Smt. Varada Khaladkar.

● **6th September 2023**

International Webinar on "Status of Cultivation of Sanskrit as a Language in Poland and India" in collaboration with



Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland) and Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, Kolkata.

● 14th September 2023

Centenary tribute to three Eminent teachers namely Professor Amal Kumar Raychaudhuri, Professor Samarendra Nath Ghosal and Professor Shyamal Sengupta.

Speakers: Professor Amitava Raychaudhuri, Professor Soumitra Sengupta, Professor Dipak Ghosh, Dr. Amit Roy, Professor A.N. Basu, Professor Biswarup Mukhopadhyay.

● 26th September 2023

Observance of 203rd Birth Anniversary of Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar.

Speaker: Dr. Jyotsna Chattopadhyay, Department of Bengali, Rabindra Bharati University.

Topic: 'Vidyasagar O Betal Panchabingshati'.

OCTOBER 2023

● 4th October 2023

Dr Panchanan Mitra Memorial Lecture, 2022

Speaker: Professor Vijay S Sahay, Professor Emeritus & Former Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Allahabad.

Topic: Indian Anthropology against the backdrop of World Anthropology.

● 9th October 2023

A special lecture by Dr. Bradley R. Hertel, Former Professor, Virginia University, U.S.A.

Topic: The Western Roots of Indus Script and the Indus Calendar.

● 10th October 2023

Observation of 50th Death Anniversary of Nobel Laureate and Poet Pablo Neruda in collaboration with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake.

● 27th -28th October 2023

Post-Congress Seminar in connection with the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress (Treasures of Knowledge).

Topic: The Roots of Indian Anthropology: Transition from the Colonial Period to the Present.

NOVEMBER 2023

● 02nd and 3rd November 2023

Two-day Seminar on 'Emerging Issues of Language Endangerment In North-East India: History And Politics' in collaboration with CNTLS, Nagaland University.

Coordinator: Dr Satarupa Dattamajumdar, Member, Academic Committee, The Asiatic Society.

● 10th November 2023

Observance of the 175th Birth Centenary of Rastraguru Surendranath Banerjee.

Coordinator: Shri Suswagata Bandyopadhyay, Member, The Asiatic Society and Dr. Sankar Kumar Nath, Medical Science Secretary, The Asiatic Society.

Chief Guest: Justice Shyamal Kumar Sen, Former Governor, West Bengal.

Speakers: Professor Arun Kumar Bandyopadhyay and Professor Tapan Kumar Chattopadhyay.

● 17th November 2023

Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar lecture, 2022



Speaker: Professor Pabitra Sarkar, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University.

Topic: Following Vidyasagar's Footsteps: Recent Innovations in Bangla Typography.

● **21st November 2023**

Professor Dipak Bhattacharya Commemoration Lecture.

Speaker: Professor Shrikant Bahulkar, Former Director, The Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.

Topic: Atharvaveda: Past, Present and Future.

● **22nd November 2023**

A half-day seminar to pay Centenary Homage to Professor Arun Kumar Choudhury.

Coordinator: Dr. Arunabha Misra, Council Member, The Asiatic Society.

DECEMBER 2023

● **5th December 2023**

A collaborative seminar on the History of Science in collaboration with the *Society for the History of Science Kolkata (SHSK)*.

Theme: Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment: An Appraisal of the Colonial and Postcolonial Experiences of India.

● **6th-7th December 2023**

Two-Day Seminar on "Scientific Temper: Revisiting its progress in India".

Coordinator: Dr Arunabha Misra, Council Member, The Asiatic Society.

● **8th December 2023**

A collaborative programme on "Indigenous Research Methodology-with Case Studies"

in collaboration with Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata.

Coordinator: Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, HOD, DLIS, NSOU.

Speakers: Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President of the Asiatic Society, Professor Tapati Mukhopadhyay, Vice President, the Asiatic Society and Professor Arun Bandopadhyay, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

● **11th -16th December 2023**

Six-day workshop on 'Manuscriptology and Palaeography'.

Coordinator: Professor Tapati Mukherjee, Vice President of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Dr Keka Adhikary Banerjee, Curator of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

● **19th December 2023**

A Memorial Meeting in memory of Sri Gautam Halder in collaboration with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake.

Coordinator: Mr Arun Chakraborty, Principal, Rekha Chitram.

Speakers: Pandit Ajay Chakraborty, Sri Rudraprasad Sengupta, Smt Swagatalakshmi Dasgupta, Sri Binayak Bandyopadhyay, Prof. Rusati Sen, Smt Sumita Halder and others.

● **22nd December 2023**

Dr. Bimanbehari Memorial Lecture, 2022

Speaker: Professor Mrinal Kanti Gangopadhyay, Retired Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta.

Topic: "Two Unconventional Dramas in Classical Sanskrit Literature".



● **22nd December 2023**

Professor Aniruddha Roy Memorial Lecture in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.

Speaker : Professor Nikhil Sur, renowned Historian.

Topic: কলকাতার নগরায়নে ‘ছোট ইংরেজদের ভূমিকা’।

● **27th December 2023**

Swami Pranavananda Memorial Lecture, 2022

Speaker: Professor Dilip Kumar Mohanta, Professor of Philosophy, University of Calcutta and Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Kalyani.

Topic: “Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Dialogue”.

January 2024

● **5th January 2024**

Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture in collaboration with Paschimbanga Itihas Samsad.

Speaker: Professor Chinmoy Guha, Former Vice Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University

Topic : সাহিত্য ও ইতিহাস : সম্পর্কের সন্ধানে।

● **15th January 2024**

Celebration of 241st Foundation Day of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

Foundation Day oration by Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Former Professor and Head, Department of English, Gauhati University and Sankaradeva Chair Professor of Cultural Studies, Tezpur University, on the topic ‘The Knower and the Known: Aspects of Asiatic Researches into Assam’.

● **18th January 2024**

A Seminar on “Decolonization of Knowledge and Alternative of Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS): A Critical Exploration” in collaboration with the Council for Political Studies.

Coordinator: Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, General Secretary, Council for Political Studies, Kolkata.

● **23-28 January 2024 (26th January-Holiday)**

A five-day Workshop on Folklore under the theme “Exploring through Folklore: Health issues in culture and society”.

Coordinator: Professor Ranjana Ray, Anthropological Secretary, The Asiatic Society and Dr. Chandramalli Sengupta, Member, Academic Committee, The Asiatic Society.

● **24th January 2024**

Dr. Satyendra Nath Sen Memorial Lecture 2022.

Speaker: Professor Shruti Tambe, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Centre for Advanced Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Topic: Mahatma Phule’s Quest for Truth: Contestations with Brahmanism and ‘Coloniality of Mind’.

FEBRUARY 2024

● **6th February 2024**

A short collaborative seminar on “The Microcosm-Macrocosm Equation” organized by The Asiatic Society, Kolkata & Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), a Deemed University to mark



the first programme of the Joint Working Group under the MoU made between the Society & RKMVERI.

Speakers: Professor Syamal Chakrabarti, Publication Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, Smt. Subarna Paul, Research Scholar, Dept of Sanskrit and Philosophy, RKMVERI, Dr. Paromita Roy, Asst. Professor and Swami Abhedananda Chair, Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy, RKMVERI.

● 12th February 2024

Celebration of 92nd Birth Anniversary of Late Professor Isha Mohammad, an eminent artist and former president of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

● 12th - 18th February 2024

An art exhibition in collaboration with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake.

Coordinator: Mr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Principal, Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake.

● 16th February 2024

- Celebration of 203rd Birth Anniversary of Raja Rajendralala Mitra.

Speakers: Dr Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay and Professor Abhra Ghosh.

- Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji Memorial Lecture, 2023

Speaker: Chungkham Yashawanta Singh, Former Professor, Dept. of Linguistics, Manipur University and fellow, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla.

Topic: Revisiting of Kirata-Jana-Krti of S.K. Chatterji.

● 23rd February 2024

A half-day seminar on Michael Madhusudan Dutt under the theme '*Rekho Ma Dasere*

Mane ' - Contribution of Madhusudan Dutt to the 19th Century's Bengal Renaissance and the Bengali Language and Literature.

Speakers: Professor Satyabati Giri, Professor Shaktisadhan Mukhopadhyay, Professor Biswajit Roy.

● 28th February 2024

Celebration of National Science Day 2024 under the theme 'Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat' followed by Lectures and panel discussion.

Coordinator: Professor Asok Kanti Sanyal, Biological Science Secretary, the Asiatic Society.

● 29th February 2024

9th K.K. Handique Memorial Lecture

Speaker: N. K. Sundareswaran, Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calicut

Topic: What Mîmâṃsâ has got to do in Mathematics? : Readings into the Âryabhaṭīyabhâṣya.

March 2024

● 5th March 2024

A special lecture by Prof. Tone Bleie, Professor in Public Planning and Cultural Understanding, Political Science and Local Planning, University of Tromsø, The Arctic University of Norway.

Topic: Theorizing Scandinavian Mission Station Christianity in Bihar and Bengal during British Crown Rule & Book Launch on "A New TESTAMENT: Scandinavian missionaries and Santal chiefs from company and British Crown Rule to Independence".



● **8th March 2024**

Celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 followed by a Debate on the topic 'অর্থনৈতিক স্বাধীনতাই নারী মুক্তির একমাত্র পথ', Shruti Natak : 'আমি তোমারি জন্যে' and short speech on 5 distinguished women characters.

● **18th March 2024**

Raja Rajendralala Mitra Memorial Lecture 2022

Speaker: Professor Vashishtha Narayan Jha, Former Director, Centre of Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune.

Topic: Language and Reality: Reflections of Jayanatabhatta, the 9th-century Kashmiri Logician.

● **21st March 2024**

A Seminar on 'Science of Suryanamaskar' jointly organized by the Asiatic Society, Kolkata and Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math (Deemed University under UGC).

● **27th March 2024**

A one-day seminar on "Challenges on vector-borne diseases in the changing dynamics of environment and climate" in collaboration with the Society of Medical Arthropodology.

Coordinators : Dr. Asok Kanti Sanyal and Dr. Sankar Kumar Nath.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- ❖ MoU was signed between The Asiatic Society Kolkata & Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute in September 2023 for cooperation in the areas of common interest in regard to Research, Publication & other programmes of higher education. This will include joint collaborative seminars, workshops, special lectures, supervision of PhD research fellows & bringing out publications of common interest.

The first meeting of the Joint Working Group for implementation of the MoU made between The Asiatic Society, Kolkata & Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), a Deemed University followed by a short seminar on 'Microcosm Macrocosm Equation' was successfully held on 6th February 2024 to mark the first programme of the MoU.

- ❖ Another MoU was signed in September 2023 between The Asiatic Society Kolkata & Bhaktivedanta Research Centre, affiliated with the University of Mumbai for the translation & publication of the text "Gauranga Vijaya" by Chudamani Das.

Presence in the Social Media

- On the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Asiatic-Society-Kolkata-455881717925308>) of the Society, there were more than 1320 followers added in the said period. More than 65 posts have been made and the total reach for the period was more than 1.87 Lakhs.
- More than 130 followers were added to the Twitter Account of Society (https://twitter.com/asiatic_society) and regular updates are posted here. More than 75 tweets and 950 re-tweets have been done. The total reach was more than 24,000 of its programme in the last year.
- The YouTube channel of the Society (<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheAsiaticSociety>) has more than 1040 subscribers to this channel and 6 videos have been uploaded by the Society in this period, which is acclaimed globally.
- The Society also has a WhatsApp group with the employees of the Society for better communication and to spread the events more. The society also posts its events regularly on the Whatsapp groups created by the Ministry of Culture to promote its events.
- Along with these initiatives, the Society also has its website, and bulk email services to reach its audience and members of the Society.



Hindi Programme:

- Celebration of Hindi Pakhwara 2023. On the occasion of Hindi Pakhwara, Hindi speech completion among the staff members was held on 8th September 2023. A Hindi workshop was organized on 14th September on Hindi grammar. A one-act play named 'Charumitra' was organized by the staff members of the Society. The pakhwara ended with prize distribution to the winners of the speech competition and a discussion of the importance of celebrating the Hindi Diwas.
- A total of seven staff members completed the Praveen Course under the Central Hindi Teaching Scheme (Department of Official Language), Government of India.

- All official stamps and nameplates, flex, and banners are written in bilingual form. Information provided in the exhibitions was also written in bilingual form during 2023-2024.
- Regular official correspondences like reports and other replies were sent from time to time to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Official Language) by the Hindi Cell of the Asiatic Society.

Training & Demonstration:

- Four Fire Lecture-cum-demonstration on the Portable Fire Extinguishing System were conducted during the year in all four quarters.

Employees of the Asiatic Society [2023-2024]

- 1 **Lt. Col. Anant Sinha**
Director (on Deputation)
- 2 **Dr. Pritam Gurey**
Librarian
- 3 **Shri Dhiman Chakraborty**
Controller of Finance
- 4 **Shri Arupratan Bagchi**
Administrative Officer
- 5 **Shri Pradip Kumar Saha**
Accounts Officer
- 6 **Shri Sanjoy Roy Choudhury**
Section Officer (Officiating)
- 7 **Shri Arpan Ghosh**
Security Officer
- 8 **Smt. Sujata Mishra**
Assistant Librarian [Retired on 31.12.2023]
- 9 **Smt. Amita Bhattacharya (Ghoshal)**
Assistant Librarian
- 10 **Shri Shabbir Ahmed**
Assistant Librarian
- 11 **Shri Ramaprasanna Sinha**
Conservation Officer [Retired on 31.07.2023]



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| 12 | Ms. Arati Kundu
Reprography-cum-Photography Officer
[Retired on 31.05.2023] | 28 | Shri Murari Bhattacharyya
Senior Assistant |
| 13 | Shri Swarup Manna
Accountant | 29 | Shri Riyaz Ahmed
Senior Assistant |
| 14 | Ms. Swarnali Pal
Accountant (on deputation from
30.06.2023) | 30 | Shri Debasis Dutta
Senior Assistant |
| 15 | Shri Nanda Roy
Assistant Security Officer | 31 | Shri Murari Majumder
Senior Assistant |
| 16 | Shri Sushil Kumar Roy
Assistant Security Officer | 32 | Shri Swapan Kumar Das
Senior Assistant |
| 17 | Shri Sukhendu Bikash Pal
Senior Publication Assistant
(Publication Officer In-Charge) | 33 | Shri Paresh Chakraborty
Senior Assistant |
| 18 | Dr. Shakti Mukherjee
Senior Publication Assistant
(Research Officer In-Charge) | 34 | Shri Anupam Chowdhury
Senior Assistant |
| 19 | Shri Samik Biswas
Senior Publication Assistant | 35 | Shri Supravhat Majumder
Senior Assistant |
| 20 | Smt. Rupa Mukhopadhyay
Senior Technical Assistant | 36 | Shri Rathindranath Bhattacharya
Stenographer |
| 21 | Shri Jayanta Kumar Sikdar
Senior Technical Assistant | 37 | Shri Palash Kanti Dutta
Stenographer |
| 22 | Shri Amit Ghosh
Maintenance Engineer | 38 | Shri S.S.F.I. Alquaderi
Cataloguer |
| 23 | Dr. Keka Adhikari (Banerjee)
Curator | 39 | Dr. Archana Roy
Cataloguer |
| 24 | Smt. Bandana Bhattacharya
Senior Assistant | 40 | Ms. Farhin Saba
Cataloguer |
| 25 | Smt. Dipa Ghatak
Senior Assistant [Retired on 29.02.2024] | 41 | Shri Tanmay Das
Assistant Maintenance Engineer |
| 26 | Shri Asim Kumar Datta
Senior Assistant [Retired on 31.08.2023] | 42 | Ms. Salma Khan
Library Information Assistant |
| 27 | Shri Saroj Kumar Maity
Senior Assistant | 43 | Shri Swapnanil Chatterjee
Library Information Assistant |
| | | 44 | Ms. Uma Rakshit
Library Information Assistant |



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| 45 | Smt. Gouri Mitra
Conservation Assistant (LIA)
(Conservation Officer In-Charge) | 62 | Ms. Sagarika Sur
Publication Assistant cum Proof Reader |
| 46 | Shri Dibakar Maity
Conservation Assistant (LIA) | 63 | Ms. Medhashree Ghosh
Publication Assistant cum Proof Reader
(Joined on 19.06.2023) |
| 47 | Smt. Anita Roy
Conservation Assistant (LIA) | 64 | Shri Alope Dolui
Data Entry Operator |
| 48 | Shri Tamal Ghosh
Junior Assistant | 65 | Shri Tapan Ghatak
Lower Division Clerk [Retired on
31.01.2024] |
| 49 | Shri Tapas Karmakar
Junior Assistant | 66 | Shri Suchand Mukherjee
Lower Division Clerk [Retired on
30.04.2023] |
| 50 | Shri Rampravesh Kumhar
Junior Assistant | 67 | Shri Kashinath Guin
Lower Division Clerk |
| 51 | Shri Ashim Krishna Roy
Junior Assistant | 68 | Shri Sandeep Rajoriya
Lower Division Clerk |
| 52 | Smt. Mala Chatterjee
Junior Assistant | 69 | Shri Rahul Dolui
Lower Division Clerk |
| 53 | Shri Bhaskar Ghosh
Junior Assistant | 70 | Shri Akash Das
Lower Division Clerk |
| 54 | Shri Satrughna Manik
Junior Assistant | 71 | Shri Atim Kumar Mandal
Lower Division Clerk |
| 55 | Smt. Pranati Mitra
Junior Assistant | 72 | Shri Jyotirmoy Tudu
Lower Division Clerk |
| 56 | Smt. Chhanda De
Junior Assistant | 73 | Shri Sujoy Bhowmick
Lower Division Clerk |
| 57 | Smt. Satarupa Banerjee
Junior Assistant | 74 | Ms. Tithi Paul
Lower Division Clerk |
| 58 | Ms. Sudipta Naskar
Junior Assistant | 75 | Shri Ritesh Pradhan
Lower Division Clerk |
| 59 | Shri Krishnendu Dutta Chowdhury
Junior Assistant | 76 | Shri Rajesh Polai
Lower Division Clerk |
| 60 | Shri Pranab Kumar Majee
Junior Assistant | 77 | Shri Chandan Hela
Lower Division Clerk |
| 61 | Shri Prasanta Ganguly
Reprography cum Photography Assistant
(Reprography Officer In-Charge) | | |



78	Shri Bhagyajay Satapathy <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	95	Shri Atanu Batabyal <i>Head Security Guard</i>
79	Shri Subhajit Saha <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	96	Shri Laxman Chandra Manik <i>Carpenter</i>
80	Shri Arpan Chakraborty <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	97	Shri Rabindranath Dey <i>Binder/Mender</i>
81	Shri Sourav Das <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	98	Shri Somnath Bhattacharyya (2) <i>Binder/Mender [Retired on 04.04.2023]</i>
82	Shri Surajit Manna <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	99	Shri Sankar Das <i>Binder/Mender</i>
83	Shri Pratyay Dhar <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	100	Shri Gopal Chandra Sinha <i>Binder/Mender</i>
84	Sri Debargha Saha <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	101	Shri Rakesh Sharma <i>Binder/Mender</i>
85	Ms. Soumili Pramanick <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	102	Shri Rajesh Kumar Pandey <i>Binder/Mender</i>
86	Shri Amit Biswas <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	103	Shri Shyamal Mondal <i>Liftman</i>
87	Shri Santanu Roy <i>Lower Division Clerk</i>	104	Shri Arghya Das <i>Liftman</i>
88	Shri Chakradhar Bera <i>Driver</i>	105	Shri Sushil Chanda <i>Attendant</i>
89	Shri Dulal Chandra Dey <i>Driver</i>	106	Shri Radheshyam Mishra <i>Attendant</i>
90	Shri Tapan Kumar Dolui <i>Driver</i>	107	Shri Kali Charan Shaw <i>Attendant</i>
91	Shri Shyamal Chakraborty <i>Head Security Guard</i>	108	Shri Goutam Das <i>Attendant</i>
92	Shri Badal Chatterjee <i>Head Security Guard</i>	109	Smt. Sabitri Dasgupta <i>Attendant</i>
93	Shri Shivaji Pandey <i>Head Security Guard</i>	110	Shri Prakash Ghosh <i>Attendant</i>
94	Shri Sudarshan Behera <i>Head Security Guard</i>	111	Shri Sanjoy Paridha <i>Attendant</i>



112	Shri Uttam Das <i>Security Guard</i>	129	Smt. Tultul Dey <i>Junior Attendant</i>
113	Shri Tarkeshwar Chaubey <i>Security Guard</i>	130	Shri Amit Kumar Ghosh <i>Junior Attendant</i>
114	Shri Bansi Bewra <i>Security Guard</i>	131	Shri Sanjit Kumar Singh <i>Junior Attendant</i>
115	Shri Raj Kumar Prasad <i>Security Guard</i>	132	Shri Ranjit Singh <i>Junior Attendant</i>
116	Shri Amal Pal <i>Security Guard</i>	133	Smt. Lina Banerjee <i>Junior Attendant</i>
117	Shri Shiboprasad Banerjee <i>Security Guard</i>	134	Shri Prem Sankar Singh <i>Junior Attendant</i>
118	Shri Manik Mukherjee <i>Security Guard</i>	135	Smt. Dipali Dey <i>Junior Attendant</i>
119	Shri Pradip Chakraborty <i>Security Guard</i>	136	Shri Kashinath Nandi <i>Junior Attendant</i>
120	Shri Bibhas Dutta <i>Security Guard</i>	137	Shri Bharat Kumhar <i>Junior Attendant</i>
121	Shri Swapan Sarkar <i>Security Guard</i>	138	Smt. Sharmistha Laha <i>Junior Attendant</i>
122	Shri Rabindranath Das <i>Security Guard</i>	139	Shri Surojit Das <i>Junior Attendant</i>
123	Shri Rajkisore Prasad <i>Security Guard</i>	140	Shri Rakesh Kumhar <i>Junior Attendant</i>
124	Shri Basudeb Das <i>Security Guard [Retired on 31.01.2024]</i>	141	Shri Sourav Majee <i>Junior Attendant</i>
125	Shri Bidyadhar Sahoo <i>Junior Attendant</i>	142	Ms. Shrabani Dutta Chowdhury <i>Junior Attendant</i>
126	Shri Tapan Ghorai <i>Junior Attendant</i>	143	Shri Utpal Ghosh <i>Junior Attendant</i>
127	Shri Debnarayan Saha <i>Junior Attendant</i>	144	Shri Prasenjit Bhadra <i>Junior Attendant</i>
128	Shri Biswajit Ghosh <i>Junior Attendant</i>	145	Ms. Jyoti Sharma <i>Junior Attendant (Joined on 12.06.2023)</i>



146	Shri Chandan Adhikary <i>Junior Attendant (Joined on 14.06.2023)</i>	155	Ms. Parul Debi <i>Safaiwala</i>
147	Shri Chhattu Sarkar <i>Junior Attendant (Joined on 15.06.2023)</i>	156	Shri Guddu Prasad <i>Generator cum Pump Operator</i>
148	Shri Soumya Kanti Maitra <i>Junior Attendant (Joined on 16.06.2023)</i>	157	Shri Banibrata Bhattacharya <i>Systems Engineer [Contractual Basis]</i>
149	Shri Abhijit Das <i>Junior Attendant (Joined on 20.06.2023)</i>	158	Smt Suranjana Choudhury <i>Publication Assistant cum Proof-Reader [Contractual Basis]</i>
150	Shri Uttam Santra <i>Safaiwala</i>	159	Shri Ratan Dutta <i>Casual Labourer</i>
151	Shri Nihar Ranjan Majumder <i>Safaiwala</i>	160	Shri Ekramul Haque <i>Casual Labourer</i>
152	Shri Bharat Hela <i>Safaiwala</i>	161	Shri Bikesh Kumar Singh <i>Casual Labourer</i>
153	Smt. Laxmi Hela <i>Safaiwala</i>	162	Ms. Shilpa Kar <i>Casual Labourer</i>
154	Shri Safik Ali Khan <i>Safaiwala</i>		



The Asiatic Society Kolkata

**Audit Report
2023-2024**

Annual Audit Report 2023-2024

SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, KOLKATA FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, as at 31 March 2024, 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 and Regulations (i.e. Propriety and Regularity) 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 Assets

1.1.1 Fixed Assets (Schedule 8): ₹3.11 crore

The above head was understated by an amount of ₹0.66 crore, due to non-capitalizing the completion cost of the work viz. 'Electrical work for Construction of vertical extension by two additional floors on the existing G+ 3 Building of the Asiatic Society' (Completion Cost-₹2.85 crore - already Capitalized by the Society-₹2.19 crore). This also resulted in overstatement of the 'Current Assets, Loans & Advances Etc.' (Schedule 11), by ₹0.66 crore.

B. Income and Expenditure Accounts

2.1 Expenditure

2.1.1 Depreciation (Schedule 8): ₹4.61 crore

The above head was understated by an

amount of ₹0.48 lakh, due to wrong booking of six Computer Desktops valuing ₹2.38 lakh under the 'Fixed Assets' (Schedule 8) in October 2023, instead of booking the same in September 2023, when the computers were installed (Rate of Depreciation to be charged @40% but actual depreciation charged @20%). This further resulted in understatement of the Deficit (being the Excess of Expenditure over the Income), by ₹0.48 lakh.

C. General Comments

- 3.1 Despite similar observations having been highlighted in the previous year's Audit Report, the Society did not take necessary steps in the following cases:

- a) The Society has not made provisions for retirement benefits on actuarial valuation basis in respect of eligible employees, in contravention of the Accounting Standard 15 issued by ICAL
- b) The Society had booked an amount of ₹ 19.26 lakh under the head 'Advance Payment of Journal Subscription'. The amounts incorporated therein have, however, been lying unadjusted for more than seven years. This needs to be reviewed.
- c) An amount of ₹0.36 lakh was shown against 'Sundry Debtors'. This amount, being more than three years old, needs to be reviewed.
- d) In regard to the 'Earmarked/ Endowment Funds', balance under the 'Liabilities' side, was shown as ₹2.70 crore, whereas the balance, under the 'Assets' side, was shown as ₹2.72 crore (₹2.35 crore + ₹0.37 crore). The discrepancy of ₹0.02 crore could not be verified, due to non-maintenance of a separate bank account in regard to the 'Earmarked Funds'.



e) The Society had shown an amount of ₹1.49 lakh as fund balance of five Earmarked Funds (Sl. No.4, 5, 7 and 8) and an amount of ₹5.33 lakh as fund balance of one Earmarked Fund (Sl. No. 1) under the head 'Earmarked/ Endowment Funds' (Schedule 3) which were inoperative for more than six years and four years respectively. This needs to be reviewed.

3.2 The Society booked an amount of ₹8.82 lakh as Subscription/ Fees in Schedule 14 of Income and Expenditure which includes both capital (Life Membership Fees) and revenue (Annual Fees, Admission Fees etc.) nature of receipts, however, it did not disclose the policies on Fees/ Subscriptions in the Significant Accounting Policies (Schedule 24) in contravention to the Uniform Format of Accounts.

3.3 The Society had deposited various amounts to CPWD for executing different works but an amount of ₹1.16 crore remained pending from CPWD despite the fact that the works are either completed or stopped. This needs to be reviewed.

D. Grants in Aid

The Society is financed by grants received from the Government of India. During the financial year 2023-24, it received grants amounting to ₹20.26 crore (Revenue Grant: ₹20.16 crore (including grants received under Swachhta Action Plan head) and Capital Grant: ₹0.10 crore). It had previous year's unspent balance of ₹2.83 crore (Capital: ₹2.33 crore and Revenue: ₹0.50 crore). Out of the total grants so available, amounting to ₹23.09 crore (including the unspent balance of the financial year 2022-23), it utilized grants of ₹23.47 crore (Capital

Expenditure: ₹1.59 crore, Revenue Expenditure: ₹21.88 (including expenditure under Swachhta Action Plan head)), incurring an excess expenditure of ₹0.38 crore, which was met out from its own funds, as at 31 March 2024.

E. Net Effect

The net effect of the comments given in the preceding paragraphs is that the Deficit (being Excess of Expenditure over Income) was understated by ₹0.48 lakh, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

v. Subject to our observations in the preceding paragraphs, we report that the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and 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 Audit Report, give a true and fair view, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India:

- insofar as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata as at 31 March 2024, and
- insofar as it relates to Income and Expenditure Account of the *deficit*, for the year ended on that date

For and on behalf of the C&AG of India

(Uday Shankar Prasad)
Director General of Audit
(Central) Kolkata

Place: Kolkata
Date: 06.09.2024



Annexure

A. Adequacy of Internal Control System

The Internal Audit System of the Society is inadequate on account of the following:

- i. There is no internal audit system in force.
- ii. There is no Internal Audit Manual in use.
- iii. No Internal Audit has been conducted by the Society since the Financial Year 2017-18.

B. Adequacy of Internal Control System

The Internal Control System of the Society is inadequate on account of the following:

- i. The organizational chart of the Society does not clearly indicate the allocation of duties and responsibilities of its officials and employees.
- ii. The heads of accounts are not coded.
- iii. There is no chart of account in use.
- iv. Cash disbursements is being allowed out of cash receipts of the Society.
- v. There is no purchase department in the Society. As a result, purchases are decentralized.
- vi. No norms have been fixed in regard to stock levels to be held for consumable stocks, to ensure that the stock levels can be maintained accordingly.

C. System of Physical verification of Fixed Assets and Inventory

The Society did not conduct the Physical Verification of the Fixed Assets and Inventories during the financial year 2023-24.

D. Statutory Liabilities

The Society was regular in payment of its' statutory dues.



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 2023-24, 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	Reply of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
A	Balance Sheet	
1.1	Assets	
1.1.1	Fixed Assets (Schedule 8): ₹ 23.11 crore The above head was understated by an amount of ₹ 0.66 crore, due to non-capitalizing the completion cost of the work viz. 'Electrical work for Construction of vertical extension by two additional floors on the existing G+3 Building of the Asiatic Society' (Completion Cost- ₹ 2.85 crore – already Capitalized by the Society- ₹ 2.19 crore). This resulted in overstatement of the 'Current Assets, Loans & Advances Etc.' (Schedule 11), by ₹ 0.66 crore.	Necessary accounting entry for capitalization of assets on completion cost of the work amounting to ₹ 0.66 crore under the head 'Freehold Building' out of Capital Advance lying with CPWD against Electrical work for Construction of vertical extension by two additional floors on the existing G+3 Building of The Asiatic Society, Kolkata has been passed in the books of accounts of the Society during the financial year 2024-25 vide Journal Voucher No. 23 dated 11.07.2024
B	Income and Expenditure Account	
2.1	Expenditure	
2.1.1	Depreciation (Schedule 8) ₹ 4.61 crore The above head was understated by an amount of ₹ 0.48 lakh, due to wrong booking of six Computer Desktops valuing ₹ 2.38 lakh under the 'Fixed Assets' (Schedule 8) in October 2023, instead of booking the same in September 2023, when the computers were installed (Rate of Depreciation to be charged @40% but actual depreciation charged @20%). This further resulted in understatement of the Deficit (being the Excess of Expenditure over the Income) by ₹ 0.48 lakh.	Necessary accounting entry for charging of depreciation on the 'Computers' amounting to ₹ 0.48 lakh has been passed in the books of accounts of the Society during the financial year 2024-25 vide Journal Voucher No. 24 dated 11.07.2024



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C	General Comments	
3.1	Despite similar observations having been highlighted in the previous year's Audit Report, the Society did not take necessary steps in the following cases: a) The Society has not made provisions for retirement benefits on actuarial valuation basis, in contravention of the Accounting Standard 15 issued by ICAI. b) The Society had booked an amount of ₹ 19.26 lakh under the head 'Advance Payment of Journal Subscription'. The amounts incorporated therein have, however, been lying unadjusted for more than six years. This needs to be reviewed. c) An amount of ₹ 0.36 lakh was shown against 'Sundry Debtors'. This amount, being more than three years old, needs to be reviewed. d) In regard to the 'Earmarked/ Endowment Funds', balance under the 'Liabilities' side, was shown as ₹ 2.70	a) Since the payment of retirement benefits comprises of Gratuity and Leave Encashment are made on cash basis and provided in budget on year-to-year basis, no such provision is made in the financial year 2023-24. Moreover, the society is fully funded by the Government of India, and it has no corresponding investments / own funds to meet the payment of retirement benefits of the employees, hence no such provision is made in the books of accounts of the Society for the financial year 2023-24. This pattern has been followed uniformly over the years. b) Advance payment to journal subscription (schedule-11) included advances for ₹ 19.26 lakh (Prior to 2016-17: ₹ 0.03 lakh, 2016-17: ₹ 10.32 lakh and 2017-18: ₹ .8.91 lakh) lying unadjusted for more than six years. Intimation already given to the Library Section of the Society for checking the records of receipts of the Journals against the unadjusted advances and necessary adjustment will be made accordingly for settlement of the unadjusted advances on receipts of the report from the library section of the society. c) The carry forward balance of ₹ .0.36 lakh shown as "Sundry Debtors" under the head "Current Assets – Schedule-11 (details)" lying outstanding for more than three years will be reviewed and necessary action will be taken accordingly. d) The total investments (₹2.72 crore) in form of Term Deposits over the actual liabilities (Rs.2.70 crore) under the head 'Earmarked



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	crore, whereas the balance, under the 'Assets' side, was shown as ₹ 2.72 crore (₹ 2.35 crore + ₹ 0.37 crore). The discrepancy of ₹ 0.02 crore could not be verified, due to non-maintenance of a separate bank account in regard to the 'Earmarked Funds'. e) The Society had shown an amount of ₹ 1.49 lakh as fund balance of five Earmarked Funds (Sl. No.4, 5, 7 and 8) and an amount of ₹ 5.33 lakh as fund balance of one Earmarked Fund (Sl.No. 1) under the head 'Earmarked/ Endowment Funds' (Schedule 3) which were inoperative for more than six years and four years respectively. This needs to be reviewed.	Funds' and 'Endowment Funds' is excess of Rs. 0.02 crore as on 31.03.2024. Since there is no shortfall of investments over the actual liabilities (Endowment Funds + Earmarked Funds) as on 31.03.2024, therefore, the matter is well within the Accounting conventions. e) The carry forward balances of 'Earmarked Funds' involving ₹ 1.49 lakh [serial no.4, 5, 7 & 8] & ₹ 5.33 lakh [Sl.No.1) in schedule 3(b)] lakh remain inoperative without having any transactions and claims since long. However, the same will be reviewed further and necessary action will be taken accordingly.
3.2	The Society booked an amount of ₹ 8.82 lakh as Subscription/ Fees in Schedule 14 of Income and Expenditure which includes both capital (Life Membership Fees) and revenue (Annual Fees, Admission Fees etc.) nature of receipts, however, it did not disclose the policies on Fees/ Subscriptions in the Significant Accounting Policies (Schedule 24) in contravention to the Uniform Format of Accounts.	Agreed with Audit observations regarding the omission of disclosure of fees/ subscription policies in the Significant Accounting Policies (Schedule-24). It is hereby confirmed that the Society's policy is to treat life membership fees as Capital receipts and annual fees, admission fees etc. as Revenue receipts. It is further ensured that the necessary disclosure will be made in the Significant Accounting Policies in the future in compliance with the Uniform Format of Accounts.
3.3	The Society had deposited various amounts to CPWD for executing different works, but an amount of ₹ 1.16 crore remained pending from CPWD despite of the fact that the works are either completed or stopped. This needs to be reviewed.	An amount of ₹ 1.12 crore lying with CPWD remained pending for different completed or stopped works. The Society will immediately review the matter and necessarily follow up with CPWD will be made accordingly. (Breakup of the amount mentioned above : 0.85 Crore + 0.13 Crore +0.005 Crore +0.13 Crore)
D	Grants-in-Aid The Society is financed by grants received from the Government of India. During the financial year 2023-24, it received grants amounting to ₹ 20.26 crore (Revenue Grant: ₹ 20.16 crore (including grants received	Unspent balance of Grants-in-Aid (Revenue and Capital) as on 31.03.2023 as per the Utilization Certificate (GFR 12-A) of the Society: ₹ 2.66 crore (Capital: ₹ 0.53 crore and Revenue: ₹ 2.13 crore) (Refer reply to SAR for the year 2022-23)



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	under Swachhta Action Plan head) and Capital Grant: ₹ 0.10 crore). It had previous year's unspent balance of ₹ 2.83 crore (Capital: ₹ 2.33 crore and Revenue: ₹ 0.50 crore). Out of the total grants so available, amounting to ₹ 23.09 crore (including the unspent balance of the financial year 2022-23), it utilized grants of ₹ 23.47 crore (Capital Expenditure: ₹ 1.59 crore, Revenue Expenditure: ₹ 21.88 (including expenditure under Swachhta Action Plan head)), incurring an excess expenditure of ₹ 0.38 crore, which was met out from its own funds, as at 31 March 2024.	Add: Grants-in-Aid received during the year 2023-24: ₹ 20.24 Crore (Revenue Grant: ₹ 20.14 crore and Capital Grant: ₹ 0.10 crore) Total available Grants-in- Aid for the year 2023-24 including Unspent balance of previous year (2022-23): ₹ 22.90 crore. Less: Expenditure incurred during the year 2023-24 restricted to the maximum limit of actual available grants-in-aid including unspent balance of previous year: ₹ 22.90 Crore (Revenue: ₹ 22.27 crore and Capital: ₹ 0.63 crore) Unspent balance of Grants-in-Aid (Revenue and Capital) as on 31.03.2024 as per the Utilization Certificate (GFR 12-A) of the Society: NIL Actual expenditure incurred during the year 2023-24 including outstanding expenses against the budget 2023-24 of the Society : ₹ 24.99 Crore (Revenue: ₹ 23.46 crore and Capital: ₹ 1.53 crore) The Society had incurred excess of expenditure over and above the actual available grants in aid amounting to ₹ 2.09 crore (Revenue: ₹ 1.19 crore and Capital: ₹ 0.90 crore) from its own fund during the year 2023-24
E	Net Effect The net effect of the comments given in the preceding paragraphs is that the Deficit (being Excess of Expenditure over Income) was understated by ₹ 0.48 lakh, for the year ended 31 March 2024.	The suggestions of the Audit have been noted. Corrective actions through Rectification/ Adjustments entries would be taken for some cases as mentioned in the respective paragraphs and appropriate actions for the remaining observations are being taken. Necessary journal entries have been passed in the books of accounts for the year 2024-25 to adjust for the understatement of deficit by ₹ 0.48 lakh for the year ended 31 March 2024, as per the findings of the audit against item no. 2.1.1 as above. The entry has been made to ensure accurate financial reporting and to reflect the correct deficit figure.

Place: Kolkata	Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
Date: 9th September 2024	(Pradip Kumar Saha)	(Dhiman Chakraborty)	(Anant Sinha)
	Accounts Officer	Controller of Finance	Lieutenant Colonel Administrator



The Asiatic Society Kolkata

**Audited Annual Accounts for the year
2023-2024**



**THE ASIATIC SOCIETY
KOLKATA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Schedule	Current Year ₹	Previous Year ₹
FUNDS & LIABILITIES			
CAPITAL FUND	1	348486205.92	415584340.23
RESERVES & SURPLUS	2	0.00	0.00
EARMARKED / ENDOWMENT FUNDS	3	27022699.99	25933944.99
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	15464747.39	9946372.39
TOTAL		390973653.30	451464657.61
ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS	8	231086232.07	253053822.84
INVESTMENTS - FROM EARMARKED / ENDOWMENT FUNDS	9	23488423.00	22088423.00
INVESTMENT- OTHERS	10	500.00	3789500.00
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES, ETC.	11	136398498.23	172532911.77
"MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE" [to the extent not written off or adjusted]"		0.00	0.00
TOTAL		390973653.30	451464657.61

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NOTES ON ACCOUNTS 25

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

Sd/-
[Sujit Kumar Das]
Treasurer

Sd/-
[S.B.Chakrabarti]
General Secretary



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

INCOME	Schedule	Current Year ₹	Previous Year ₹
Income from Sales / Service	12	0.00	0.00
Grants / Subsidies	13	201423000.00	215056000.00
Fees / Subscriptions	14	881949.00	921326.00
Income from Investments	15	2168796.00	2168796.00
Income from Royalty, Publication, etc.	16	1919742.00	1809245.00
Interest Earned	17	404690.00	2124660.00
Other Income	18	1086441.00	381236.64
Increase / (Decrease) in Stock of Finished Goods & Work-in-Progress	19	(2360945.00)	1915170.00
Total [A]		205523673.00	224376433.64
EXPENDITURE			
Establishment Expenses	20	191231894.00	178247232.00
Other Administrative Expenses, etc.	21	36845241.31	40807610.43
Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies, etc.	22	0.00	0.00
Interest	23	0.00	36471.00
Depreciation [Net total at the year end corresponding to schedule 8]	8	46108135.00	15037999.00
TOTAL [B]		274185270.31	234129312.43
Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B)		(68661597.31)	(9752878.79)
Prior Period Adjustments		(53830054.00)	44860.00
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 Funds		(122491651.31)	(9708018.79)

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Treasurer

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[S.B.Chakrabarti]
General Secretary



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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

RECEIPTS	Current Year	Previous Year	PAYMENTS	Current Year	Previous Year
					(Amount in ₹)
Opening Balance					
Cash in Hand					
	123817.00	151913.00	Expenses		
			Establishment Expenses	186009079.00	177936869.00
			Expenses on Programmes & Activities	11445418.20	13112000.00
Cash at Bank			Other Administrative Expenses	19642717.11	21234154.51
In Current Accounts	8543468.48	4465908.91	Payment against Outstanding Expenses & Provisions	1463946.00	2500520.00
In Deposit Accounts	0.00	0.00	Prior Period Expenses	5015437.00	0.00
In Savings Accounts	54443181.14	56917858.14			
Grants Received			Payments made against Funds		
From Govt. of India [MoC]	202423000.00	215056000.00	Endowment Funds	317984.00	343570.00
For External Project	145000.00	1270000.00	Earmarked Funds	364600.00	850000.00
Income on Investments from			Investments & Deposits made		
Earmarked/Endowment Funds	421759.00	431873.00	Out of Earmarked/ Endowment Funds [Net]	1400000.00	0.00
Own Funds [other Investments]	1446119.00	0.00	Out of Own Funds [other Investments]	0.00	0.00
Interest received			Expenditure on Fixed Assets & CWIP		
On Savings Account	1137985.00	1766822.00	Purchase of Fixed Assets	15919512.00	6695432.00
On Staff Loan	201085.00	130611.00	Expenditure on Capital Work in Progress	0.00	0.00
Other Income			Finance Charges		
Sale of Publications	1734042.00	1446695.00	Interest on Overdraft	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	1104663.00	603326.00			
Sale of Photo Albums, Souvenir items & Mementos	148355.00	198925.00	Other payments		
Rent	1996836.00	2036836.00	Statutory Deductions from Employees	35622750.00	32187586.00
			Statutory Deductions from Contractors & Professionals	673427.00	756561.00
Royalties	37345.00	163625.00	Refund of Reserve Money	524733.00	695866.00



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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

		(Amount in ₹)	
RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	Current Year	Previous Year
Refund of TDS from Income Tax Department	Refund of Earnest Money Deposit	900000.00	400000.00
Others	Advance to Parties & Others	668033.00	602725.00
	Advance to Employees	4168984.00	4229313.00
Encashment of Investments & Deposits	Refund of Interest earned on Grants-in-Aid to Ministry of Culture, Government of India	3089605.00	0.00
Out of Own Funds [other Investments]	Refund of Security Deposit	542540.00	291162.00
	Advance for Journal Subscription	960627.00	1781086.00
Receipts made against Fund	TDS paid on Term Deposits, Royalties & others.	86993.00	59416.00
Earmarked Funds (S.R Das Memorial Fund)	Prepaid expenses for Dress Allowances & others.	81346.00	72604.00
Other Receipts	Advance payment for Postage & Stamp	50000.00	130000.00
Earnest Money Deposit from Contractors	Refund against excess of Membership Fee received on conversion of Ordinary Members to Life Members	13150.00	0.00
Statutory deductions from Employees			
Statutory deductions from Contractors & Professionals	Closing Balance		
Security Deposits	Cash in Hand	76659.00	123817.00
Retention of Reserve Money from Fellowship			
Advance Recovered from Parties	Cash at Bank		
Advance Recovered from Employees	In Current Accounts	6015513.07	8543468.48
Recovery against Advance Payment for Journal Subscriptions	In Deposit Accounts	0.00	0.00
Misc Liabilities	In Savings Accounts	23898376.24	54443181.14
Total	Total	318951429.62	326629331.13

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

Sd/-
[S.B.Chakrabarti]
General Secretary

Sd/-
[Sujit Kumar Das]
Treasurer



**THE ASIATIC SOCIETY
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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AT AT 31ST MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE 1. CAPITAL FUND	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
Balance as at the beginning of the year		415584340.23		424078947.94
Add: Adjustments during the year		54393517.00		1213411.08
"Add: Contributions towards Corpus/ Capital Fund"[Grants-in-Aid : Creation of Capital Assets]"		1000000.00		0.00
"Add/ (Deduct) : Balance of net income (expenditure)" transferred from the Income & Expenditure Account"		(122491651.31)		(9708018.79)
Balance at the year end		348486205.92		415584340.23

SCHEDULE 2. RESERVES & SURPLUS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Capital Reserve				
As per Last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deductions during the Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 Revaluation Reserve				
As per Last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deductions during the Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Special Reserve				
As per Last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions during the year	0.00		0.00	
Less: Deductions during the Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 General Reserve				
As per Last Account	0.00		0.00	
Additions 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



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE 3.															(Amount in ₹)	
ENDOWMENT FUNDS & EARMARKED FUNDS																
Sl. No.	Fund Category	Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization / Expenditure towards objectives of funds						Total	Refund, if any	Net Balance as at the year end	
			B				C[i]									
			Donnations/ Grants/ Contribu- tions	Income from Investments made on account of fund	Other addi- tions		Capital Expenditure [i]	Revenue Expenditure [ii]			Other Adminis- trative Expenses					
								Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowances, etc.		Rent				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
a	ENDOWMENT FUNDS [Fund wise break up in Schedule 3 (a)]	24336793.74	500000.00	1206467.00	0.00	26043260.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394160.00	394160.00	0.00	25649100.74		
b	EARMARKED FUNDS [Fund wise break up in Schedule 3 (b)]	1597151.25	145000.00	0.00	0.00	1742151.25	0.00	0.00	270000.00	0.00	53552.00	323552.00	45000.00	1373599.25		
Total [a + b]		25933944.99	645000.00	1206467.00	0.00	27785411.99	0.00	0.00	270000.00	0.00	447712.00	717712.00	45000.00	27022699.99		
Previous Year		24886219.99	870000.00	1055350.00	0.00	26811569.99	0.00	0.00	850000.00	0.00	427625.00	1277625.00	0.00	25533944.99		

(Amount in ₹)



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(Amount in ₹)

SCHEDULE 3(A)- ENDOWMENT FUNDS - FUND WISE BREAK UP													
		Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization / Expenditure towards objectives of funds					Total	Net Balance as at the year end
		A	B			[A+B]	C [i]					C	[A+B-C]
Sl. No.	Title of the Endowment Fund		Donnations/ Grants/ Contribu- tions	Income from Investments made on account of fund	Other addi- tions		Capital Expenditure [i]		Revenue Expenditure [ii]			C [i] + C [ii]	
							Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowan- ces, etc.	Rent	Other Adminis- trative Expenses		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Abha Maity Lecture Fund	472620.20	0.00	23429.57	0.00	496049.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	496049.77
2	Annadale Medal Fund	580492.91	0.00	28777.23	0.00	609270.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2242.00	2242.00	607028.14
3	B B Majumder Lecture Fund	413448.64	0.00	20496.21	0.00	433944.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10750.00	10750.00	423194.85
4	Barclay Medal Fund	588859.51	0.00	29192.00	0.00	618051.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3422.00	3422.00	614629.51
5	Bimala Charan Law Coll. Fund	21086.41	0.00	1045.33	0.00	22131.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22131.74
6	Bimala Charan Law Medal Fund	552269.90	0.00	27378.11	0.00	579648.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	579648.01
7	Biren Roy Medal Fund	71542.86	0.00	3546.65	0.00	75089.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75089.51
8	D P Khaitan Medal Fund	578432.79	0.00	28675.10	0.00	607107.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	607107.89
9	Dr Prabhati Mukherjee Medal Fund	470386.53	0.00	23318.84	0.00	493705.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	493705.37
10	Hem Ch. Roy Chowdhury Medal Fund	107516.72	0.00	5330.01	0.00	112846.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29249.00	29249.00	83597.73
11	Indian Science Congress Fund	604316.73	0.00	29958.27	0.00	634275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	634275.00



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SCHEDULE 3(A)- (Continued)													
													(Amount in ₹)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12	Indira Gandhi Medal Fund	555296.59	0.00	27528.15	0.00	582824.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	581824.74
13	Indira Gandhi Lecture Fund	725536.44	0.00	35967.59	0.00	761504.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12550.00	12550.00	748954.03
14	Joy Govinda Law Medal Fund	605115.40	0.00	29997.86	0.00	635113.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17642.00	17642.00	617471.26
15	Maya Deb Medal Fund	422480.07	0.00	20943.94	0.00	443424.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	443424.01
16	Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund	563383.30	0.00	27929.04	0.00	591312.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21239.00	21239.00	570073.34
17	N N Chatterjee Medal Fund	560487.79	0.00	27785.50	0.00	588273.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3065.00	3065.00	585208.29
18	Naresh Ch. Sengupta Medal Fund	552644.16	0.00	27396.66	0.00	580040.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580040.82
19	Panchanan Mitra Lecture Fund	160171.31	0.00	7940.30	0.00	168111.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50830.00	50830.00	117281.61
20	Paul Jones Bruhl Medal Fund	544645.08	0.00	27000.12	0.00	571645.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2478.00	2478.00	569167.20
21	Pramathanath Bose Medal Fund	558545.52	0.00	27689.22	0.00	586234.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2478.00	2478.00	583756.74
22	Prasanta Roy & Gita Roy Medal Fund	221149.36	0.00	10963.21	0.00	232112.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	232112.57
23	Priyabrata Roy Medal Fund	253520.34	0.00	12567.96	0.00	266088.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4889.00	4889.00	261199.30
24	Pt Iswarachandra Vidyasagar Lec Fund	1344023.72	0.00	66628.34	0.00	1410652.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12211.00	12211.00	1398441.06
25	Rajasthan Fund	627770.79	0.00	31120.97	0.00	658891.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	658891.76
26	Ramaprasad Chandra Medal Fund	472634.36	0.00	23430.27	0.00	496064.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2242.00	2242.00	493822.63
27	Ranadhir Roy Medal Fund	270718.68	0.00	13420.55	0.00	284139.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	284139.23



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SCHEDULE 3(A)- (Continued)													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
28	Sarat Chandra Roy Medal Fund	562636.39	0.00	27892.02	0.00	590528.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2478.00	2478.00	588050.41
29	Suniti Kumar Chatterjee Lecture Fund	420922.47	0.00	20866.72	0.00	441789.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44615.00	44615.00	397174.19
30	S C Chakraborty Medal Fund	560131.81	0.00	27767.85	0.00	587899.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19341.00	19341.00	568558.66
31	S N Dey & Manjula Dey Medal Fund	581571.30	0.00	28830.69	0.00	610401.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19434.00	19434.00	590967.99
32	S N Sen Lecture Fund	272533.84	0.00	13510.53	0.00	286044.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47624.00	47624.00	238420.37
33	Saratlal Biswas Medal Fund	557338.80	0.00	27629.39	0.00	584968.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6904.00	6904.00	578064.19
34	Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund	544855.10	0.00	27010.53	0.00	571865.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	571665.63
35	Sir Willam Jones Medal Fund	405390.44	0.00	20096.74	0.00	425487.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425487.18
36	Sudha Basu Memorial Lecture Fund	425550.17	0.00	21096.13	0.00	446646.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	446646.30
37	Sukumar Sen Medal Fund	565935.53	0.00	28055.57	0.00	593991.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2950.00	2950.00	591041.10
38	Surit C Mitra Medal Fund	542682.16	0.00	26902.81	0.00	569584.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21543.00	21543.00	548041.97
39	Swami Pranabananda Medal Fund	375856.31	0.00	18632.62	0.00	394488.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11900.00	11900.00	382588.93
40	GSI Sesquicent Com L/M Fund	1038698.68	0.00	51492.23	0.00	1090190.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40884.00	40884.00	1049306.91
41	Tagore Peace Award Fund	427769.94	0.00	21206.18	0.00	448976.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448976.12
42	S R Das Memorial Fund	0.00	500000.00	0.00	0.00	500000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500000.00
43	Foreign Donation - Japan	4155824.69	0.00	206019.99	0.00	4361844.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4361844.68
	Total	24336793.74	500000.00	1206467.00	0.00	26043260.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	394160.00	394160.00	25649100.74



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SCHEDULE 3(B)- EARMARKED FUNDS - FUND WISE BREAK UP															
Sl. No.	Title of the Earmarked Fund	Opening Balance	Additions to the fund			Total	Utilization / Expenditure towards objectives of funds						Total	Refund, if any	Net Balance as at the year end
			B				C [I]	C [II]							
			Donations/ Grants/ Contributions	Income from Investments made on account of fund	Other additions			Capital Expenditure	Revenue Expenditure [iii]		Other Administrative Expenses				
A							Fixed Assets	Others	Salaries, Wages & Allowances, etc.	Rent				C	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Manuscript Resource Centre (ASK-MRC)	533494.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	533494.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	533494.50	
2	Bharatiya Rastriya Bigyan Academy (INSA)	229242.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	229242.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	229242.60	
3	Indian Council of Social Science Research	240463.00	145000.00	0.00	0.00	385463.00	0.00	0.00	270000.00	0.00	40000.00	310000.00	0.00	75463.00	
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	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	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	0.00	
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	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	0.00	60522.85	
9	Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA-ASK-MCC)	400000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13552.00	13552.00	0.00	386448.00	
Total		1597151.25	145000.00	0.00	0.00	1742151.25	0.00	0.00	270000.00	0.00	53552.00	323552.00	45000.00	1373599.25	



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SCHEDULE 3(C). ALLOCATION OF INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS MADE ON ACCOUNT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS				
Amount in Rupees				
Sl. No.	Title of the Endowment Fund	Opening Balance (OB)	Weightage of OB as % of Total opening value of fund	Interest Allocation (see note below)
A	B	C	D	E
1	Abha Maity Lecture Fund	472620.20	1.94	23429.57
2	Annadale Medal Fund	580492.91	2.39	28777.23
3	B B Majumder Lecture Fund	413448.64	1.70	20496.21
4	Barclay Medal Fund	588859.51	2.42	29192.00
5	Bimala Charan Law Coll. Fund	21086.41	0.09	1045.33
6	Bimala Charan Law Medal Fund	552269.90	2.27	27378.11
7	Biren Roy Medal Fund	71542.86	0.29	3546.65
8	D P Khaitan Medal Fund	578432.79	2.38	28675.10
9	Dr Prabhati Mukherjee Medal Fund	470386.53	1.93	23318.84
10	Hem ch. Roy Chowdhury Medal Fund	107516.72	0.44	5330.01
11	Indian Science Congress Fund	604316.73	2.48	29958.27
12	Indira Gandhi Medal Fund	555296.59	2.28	27528.15
13	Indira Gandhi Lecture Fund	725536.44	2.98	35967.59
14	Joy Govinda Law Medal Fund	605115.40	2.49	29997.86
15	Maya Deb Medal Fund	422480.07	1.74	20943.94
16	Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund	563383.30	2.31	27929.04
17	N N Chatterjee Medal Fund	560487.79	2.30	27785.50
18	Naresh Ch. Sengupta Medal Fund	552644.16	2.27	27396.66
19	Panchanan Mitra Lecture Fund	160171.31	0.66	7940.30
20	Paul Jones Bruhl Medal Fund	544645.08	2.24	27000.12
21	Pramathanath Bose Medal Fund	558545.52	2.30	27689.22
22	Prasanta Roy & Gita Roy Medal Fund	221149.36	0.91	10963.21



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SCHEDULE 3(C). CONTD....				
23	Priyabrata Roy Medal Fund	253520.34	1.04	12567.96
24	Pt Iswarchandra Vidyasagar Lec Fund	1344023.72	5.52	66628.34
25	Rajasthani Fund	627770.79	2.58	31120.97
26	Ramaprasad Chandra Medal Fund	472634.36	1.94	23430.27
27	Ranabir Roy Medal Fund	270718.68	1.11	13420.55
28	Sarat Chandra Roy Medal Fund	562636.39	2.31	27892.02
29	Suniti Kumar Chatterjee Lecture Fund	420922.47	1.73	20866.72
30	S C Chakraborty Medal Fund	560131.81	2.30	27767.85
31	S N Dey & Manjula Dey Medal Fund	581571.30	2.39	28830.69
32	S N Sen Lecture Fund	272533.84	1.12	13510.53
33	Saratlal Biswas Medal Fund	557338.80	2.29	27629.39
34	Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund	544855.10	2.24	27010.53
35	Sir Willam Jones Medal Fund	405390.44	1.67	20096.74
36	Sudha Basu Memorial Lecture Fund	425550.17	1.75	21096.13
37	Sukumar Sen Medal Fund	565935.53	2.33	28055.57
38	Surit C Mitra Medal Fund	542682.16	2.23	26902.81
39	Swami Pranabananda Medal Fund	375856.31	1.54	18632.62
40	GSI Sesquicent Com L/M Fund	1038698.68	4.27	51492.23
41	Tagore Peace Award Fund	427769.94	1.76	21206.18
42	S R Das Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Foreign Donation - Japan	4155824.69	17.08	206019.99
Total		24336793.74	100.00	1206467.00
Note: Income from Investements allocated on the ratio of Opening Balance of Fund to Total Fund Value Total Value of Endowment Funds (Opening Balance) 24336793.74 Total Interest Earned on Investments made against Endowment Funds 1206467.00				



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SCHEDULE 4. SECURED LOANS AND 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 AND 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	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
a	Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other assets		0.00		0.00
b	Others		0.00		0.00
Total			0.00		0.00



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SCHEDULE 7. CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
A	Current Liabilities				
1	Acceptances		0.00		0.00
2	Sundry Creditors				
	i] For Goods	0.00		0.00	
	ii] Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Advance Received [Subscription]		0.00		16100.00
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	2125849.00	2125849.00	3088256.00	3088256.00
6	Other Current Liabilities		5259651.39		5378070.39
Total [A]			7385500.39		8482426.39
B	Provisions				
1	For Taxation		0.00		0.00
2	Gratuity		0.00		0.00
3	Superannuation / Pension		0.00		0.00
4	Accumulated Leave Encashment		0.00		0.00
5	Trade Warranties / Claims		0.00		0.00
6	Others		8079247.00		1463946.00
Total [B]			8079247.00		1463946.00
Total [A + B]			15464747.39		9946372.39



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SCHEDULE 7. (DETAILS)		Current Year		Previous Year	
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS		₹	₹	₹	₹
A	CURRENT LIABILITIES				
2	(ii) Sundry Creditors - Others				
	Pmt received in adv for supply of publications		0.00		0.00
3	Advance Received Subscription from Ordinary Members		0.00		16100.00
5	(ii) Statutory Liabilities - Others				
a	Profession Tax [2022-23]	28870.00		29880.00	
b	TDS from Contractors [2023-24]	59831.00		60790.00	
c	TDS from Professionals (on Prof. Fees) [2023-24]	85510.00		87830.00	
d	TDS from Employees (on Salaries) [2023-24]	772106.00		860500.00	
e	EPF [Employees' Share]	811960.00		1696428.00	
f	NPS [Employees' Share]	220184.00		186048.00	
g	LICI [Salary Savings]	68144.00		77536.00	
h	General Provident Fund	0.00		0.00	
i	Army Group Insurance Fund	0.00		10000.00	
j	DSOP Fund Contribution	75000.00		75000.00	
k	Postal Life Insurance	4244.00	2125849.00	4244.00	3088256.00
6	Other Current Liabilities				
a	Earnest Money	494763.60		1169763.60	
b	Security Deposit (Liability)	1499568.54		994842.54	
c	ASECCS (Co-operative)	911901.00		869105.00	
d	Reserve Scholarship Money	1766727.25		1774616.25	
e	Advance for Seminar (Credit Balance)	569743.00		569743.00	
f	Misc. Liabilities:				
	(i) Misc. Liabilities	16798.00		0.00	
	(ii) Member Subscription Payable	150.00		0.00	
	(iii) Outside Project	0.00		0.00	
	(iv) Excess Recovery	0.00	5259651.39	0	5378070.39
B	Provisions				
6	Provisions-Others (Outstanding Expenses)				
a	Outstanding Expenses	7429247.00		813946.00	
b	Auditors' Remuneration	650000.00	8079247.00	650000.00	1463946.00



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SCHEDULE 8. FIXED ASSETS										
Asset Category	Rate of Depreciation	GROSS BLOCK			DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK	
		Cost/Valuation as at beginning of the year	Additions at during the Year	Adjustments during the Year	Cost/Valuation at the year end	As at the beginning of the year	Additions during the Year	Deductions during the Year	Total up to the year end	As at the current year end
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4=1+2-3]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8=5+6-7]	[9=4-8]
A. Fixed Assets :										
1. Land :										
a] Freehold	0%	5371000.00	0.00	0.00	5371000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5371000.00
b] Leasehold	0%	59100.00	0.00	0.00	59100.00	354.96	0.00	0.00	354.96	58745.04
2. Building										
a] on Freehold Land	10%	134287947.05	59772760.00	0.00	194060707.05	51101074.67	11307325.00	0.00	62408399.67	131652307.38
b] on Leasehold Land	10%	232764.00	0.00	0.00	232764.00	179515.70	5325.00	0.00	184840.70	47923.30
3. Plant & Machinery	15%	0.00	0.00	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	2736165.03	137288.00	0.00	2873453.03	777963.97
5. Furniture & Fixture	10%	37211116.34	11940065.00	-637833.00	48513348.34	24645485.83	1852861.00	609542.00	25888804.83	22624543.51
6. Office Equipment	15%	51176769.66	13157.00	-6506746.00	44683180.66	36632879.27	2146485.00	6227028.00	32552336.27	12130844.39
7. Computer, Software & Networking	40%	22929069.20	410722.00	-96592.00	23243199.20	21849869.47	512451.00	-90082.00	22272238.47	970960.73
8. Electrical Installations	10%	16683007.21	0.00	-373000.00	16310007.21	9446702.50	722903.00	-364711.00	9804894.50	6505112.71
9. Library Books & Journals	40%	120927741.63	695903.23	0.00	121623644.86	0.00	29165848.00	48369255.00	77535103.00	44088541.86
										120927741.63



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SCHEDULE 8. FIXED ASSETS (contdss)											
Asset Category	Rate of Depreciation	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK	
		Cost/Valuation as at beginning of the year	Additions at during the Year	Adjustments during the Year	Cost/Valuation at the year end	As at the beginning of the year	Additions during the Year	Deductions during the Year	Total 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]	[7]	[8=5+6-7]	[9=4-8]	10
10. Tubewell & Water Supply	10%	6221925.85	0.00	0.00	6221925.85	3645437.67	257649.00	0.00	3903086.67	2318839.18	2576488.18
11. Other Assets											
a) Microfilm & Documentation	0%	5930073.86	0.00	0.00	5930073.86	5930073.86	0.00	0.00	5930073.86	0.00	0.00
b) Mss & Art Objects- Museum	0%	4539450.00	0.00	0.00	4539450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4539450.00	4539450.00
Total of Current Year [A]		409221381.80	72832607.23	-7614171.00	474439818.03	156167558.96	46108135.00	41077892.00	243353585.96	231086232.07	253053822.84
Previous Year		399724882.83	6695432.00	2801066.97	409221381.80	141129559.96	15037999.00	0.00	156167558.96	253053822.84	
B. Capital Work in Progress :											
Salt Lake Campus		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Park Street Building		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of Current Year [B]		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Previous Year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total [A+B]		409221381.80	72832607.23	-7614171.00	474439818.03	156167558.96	46108135.00	41077892.00	243353585.96	231086232.07	253053822.84
Previous Year		399724882.83	6695432.00	2801066.97	409221381.80	141129559.96	15037999.00	0.00	156167558.96	253053822.84	



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CALCULATION OF DEPRECIATION ON FIXED ASSETS FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

[ANNEXURE- 8 (A)]												(Amount in ₹)
Asset Category	Rate of Deprecia- tion	Opening Balance	Adjustments during the year 2023-24	Purchase during 01.04.2023 to 30.09.2023	Depreciation up to 30.09.2023	Purchase during 01.10.2023 to 31.03.2024	Depreciation from 01.10.2023 to 31.03.2024	Total Purchase during 2023-24	Depreciation Adjustments during 2023-24	Total Depreciation	Total Depreciation Rounded Off	
Freehold Land	0%	5371000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Leasehold Land	0%	58745.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Building on Freehold Land	10%	83186872.38	0.00	0.00	8318687.24	59772760.00	2988638.00	59772760.00	0.00	11307325.24	11307325.00	
Building on Leasehold Land	10%	53248.30	0.00	0.00	5324.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5324.83	5325.00	
Plant & Machinery	15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Vehicles	15%	915251.97	0.00	0.00	137287.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137287.80	137288.00	
Furniture & Fixture	10%	12565630.51	-30044.00	10917.00	1254650.35	11929148.00	596457.40	11940065.00	1753.00	1852860.75	1852861.00	
Office Equipment	15%	14543890.39	-285466.00	13157.00	2140737.21	0.00	0.00	13157.00	5748.00	2146485.21	2146485.00	
Computer, Software & Networking	40%	1079199.73	-7512.00	3150.00	429935.09	407572.00	81514.40	410722.00	1002.00	512451.49	512451.00	
Electrical Installations	10%	7236304.71	-8402.00	0.00	722790.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.00	722903.27	722903.00	
Library Books & Journals	40%	120927741.63	-48369255.00	16362.00	29029939.45	679541.23	135908.25	695903.23	0.00	29165847.70	29165848.00	
Tubewell & Water Supply	10%	2576488.18	0.00	0.00	257648.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	257648.82	257649.00	
Microfilm & Documentation	0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Mss & Art Objects- Museum	0%	4539450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total		253053822.84	-48700679.00	43586.00	42297001.06	72789021.23	3802518.05	72832607.23	8616.00	46108135.10	46108135.00	



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**STATEMENT OF PURCHASE/ ADDITIONS OF ASSETS DURING THE YEAR 2023-24
FOR PERIOD CLASSIFICATION FOR DEPRECIATION CALCULATION**

[ANNEXURE- 8 (B)]									
Asset Category	(01.04.2023 - 30.09.2023)				(01.10.2023 - 31.03.2024)				Year Total (Rs.)
	Date of Purchase	Voucher Number	Amount (Rs.)	1st Half Year Total (Rs.)	Date of Purchase	Voucher Number	Amount (Rs.)	2nd Half Year Total (Rs.)	
Computer, Software & Networking	23.05.2023	P-227	3150.00	3150.00	16.10.2023	P-895	238098.00	407572.00	410722.00
					17.11.2023	P-1029	160480.00		
					31.03.2024	JV-283	8994.00		
Furniture & "Fixture Freehold Building	01.08.2023	P-565	10917.00	10917.00	09.11.2023	P-996	11929148.00	11929148.00	11940065.00
				0.00	31.03.2024	JV-211	59772760.00	59772760.00	59772760.00
	13.07.2023	P-445	764.00		16.11.2023	P-1013	23112.00		
	13.07.2023	P-458	2039.00		16.11.2023	P-1020	964.00		
	01.08.2023	P-563	8050.00		28.11.2023	P-1052	1330.00		
	01.08.2023	P-564	525.00		04.12.2023	P-1069	24621.00		
Library Books & Journals	11.09.2023	P-741	4984.00		04.12.2023	P-1073	29581.00		
					14.12.2023	P-1141	2560.00		
					14.12.2023	P-1142	4600.00		
					09.02.2024	P-1421	12627.00		
				16362.00	09.02.2024	P-1422	16609.0	0679541.23	695903.23
					09.02.2024	P-1423	1396.00		
					22.03.2024	P-1660	2631.00		
					22.03.2024	P-1661	4788.00		
					22.03.2024	P-1662	7380.00		
					26.03.2024	P-1673	12276.00		
					26.03.2024	P-1693	4443.00		
					28.03.2024	P-1722	16389.00		
					31.03.2024	JV-296	14328.00		
					31.03.2024	JV-293	6056.00		
					31.03.2024	JV-294	8324.00		
Office Equipment	01.08.2023	P-557	13157.00	13157.00	31.03.2024	JV-222	485526.23		
								0.00	13157.00



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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 ENDOWMENT FUNDS: TDRs with SBI Park Street		22488423.00		21088423.00
7 EARMARKED FUNDS: "TDRs with SBI Park Street		1000000.00		1000000.00
Total		23488423.00		22088423.00

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		0.00
6 Others: TDRs with SBI Park Street		0.00		3789000.00
Total		500.00		3789000.00



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SCHEDULE 9. DETAILS - INVESTMENTS FROM EARMARKED / ENDOWMENT FUNDS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
6 ENDOWMENT FUNDS: TDRs with SBI Park Street				
a FDR No. 30156925049 with SBI, Park St.	7452309.00		7452309.00	
b FDR No. 31646744605 with SBI, Park St.	200000.00		200000.00	
c FDR No. 31012557683 with SBI, Park St.	299099.00		299099.00	
d FDR No. 30156923416 with SBI, Park St.	1897.00		1897.00	
e FDR No.37327671181 with SBI, Park St.	5000000.00		5000000.00	
f FDR No.37327671012 with SBI, Park St.	5000000.00		5000000.00	
g FDR No.37327546150 with SBI, Park St.	1135118.00		1135118.00	
h FDR No.42206427039 with SBI, Park St.	900000.00		0.00	
i FDR No.42206428373 with SBI, Park St.	500000.00		0.00	
j FDR No.40885332292 with SBI, Park St.	2000000.00	22488423.00	2000000.00	21088423.00
7 EARMARKED FUNDS: TDRs with SBI Park Street				
a FDR No.40887303097 with SBI, Park St.	1000000.00	1000000.00	1000000.00	1000000.00

SCHEDULE 10. DETAILS - INVESTMENTS - OTHERS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
6 Others: TDRs with SBI Park Street				
a FDR No.36729902563 with SBI, Park St.	0.00		1200000.00	
b FDR No. 36729866817 with SBI, Park St.	0.00	0.00	2589000.00	3789000.00



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SCHEDULE 11. CURENT 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]	30100982.00		32374478.00	
	(ii) Work in Progress	0.00		0.00	
	(iii) Raw Materials [Preservation Materials]	17342.00	30118324.00	104791.00	32479269.00
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		76659.00		123817.00
4	Bank Balances				
	a With Scheduled Banks				
	(i) On Current Account	6015513.07		8543468.48	
	(ii) On Deposit Account	0.00		0.00	
	(iii) On Savings Account	23898376.24	29913889.31	54443181.14	62986649.62
	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 Account		0.00		0.00
Total [A]			60144753.53		95625616.84



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SCHEDULE 11. CURENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES, ETC. (contds...)		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
B	Loan, Advances & Other Assets				
1	Loans				
	a Employees	134465.00		170832.00	
	b Others	0.00	134465.00	0.00	170832.00
2	Advances and other amounts recoverable in cash or kind or for value to be received				
	a On Capital Account	50764579.00		50764579.00	
	b Adv. Payment to Journal Subscription	2593465.37		2135685.60	
	c Security Deposits	1445589.84		1445589.84	
	d Earnest Money	0.00		0.00	
	e With Dept. of Income Tax [TDS]	0.00		0.00	
	f Others [Employees / Scholars/ Suppliers]	11501577.29	66305211.50	11721542.29	66067396.73
3	Income Accrued				
	a On Investments from Earmarked/ Endowment Fund	3690988.00		3003258.00	
	b On Investments- Others	0.00		1284810.00	
	d Rent Receivable	3461825.40		3289865.40	
	e Subscription Receivable	2174864.80		2599539.80	
	f TDS Receivable	483822.00		489025.00	
	g Institutional Membership Fee Receivable	2568.00	9814068.20	2568.00	10669066.20
Total [B]			76253744.70		76907294.93
Total [A+B]			136398498.23		172532911.77



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SCHEDULE 11. DETAILS		Current Year		Previous Year	
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES, ETC.		₹	₹	₹	₹
A	Current Assets				
1 c	(i) Finished Goods - Stock of Printed Publications		30100982.00		32374478.00
1 c	(iii) Raw Materials - Stock of Preservation Materials Materials		17342.00		104791.00
2	(a) Sundry Debtors - Publication Sale		35881.22		35881.22
B	Loan, Advances & Other Assets				
1	(a) Loans - Employees				
	(i) House Building Advance	0.00		0.00	
	(ii) Computer Advance	134465.00	134465.00	170832.00	170832.00
2	(a) On Capital Account		50764579.00		50764579.00
2	(b) Advance Pmt. to Journal Subscription				
	(i) Subscription to Journal Prior to FY 2016-17	3042.03		3042.03	
	(ii) Subscription to Journal [2016-17]	1032297.98		1036697.98	
	(iii) Subscription to Journal [2017-18]	890887.26		890887.26	
	(iv) Subscription to Journal [2021-22]	0.00		17321.06	
	(v) Subscription to Journal [2022-23]	20467.20		0.00	
	(vi) Subscription to Journal [2023-24]	646770.90	2593465.37	187737.27	2135685.60
2	(c) Security Deposits		1445589.84		1445589.84
2	(d) Earnest Money				
	(i) With CESC Limited	0.00		0.00	
	(ii) With DMP Nirman Pvt. Ltd.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	(e) With Dept. of Income Tax [TDS]		0.00		0.00



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SCHEDULE 11. CURENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES, ETC. (contds...)		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
2	(f) Others [Employees / Scholars/ Suppliers]				
	(i) Advance to Parties	7468909.70		7518909.70	
	(ii) LTC Advance	121000.00		0.00	
	(iii) Festival Advance	860.00		860.00	
	(iv) Staff Advance	101564.00		194618	
	(v) Advance to Project Invesstigators for External Projects	545032.94		543032.94	
	(vi) Medical Advance	308165.00		651212.00	
	(vii) Advance for NER Programme	2635195.00		2635195.00	
	(viii) Advance for Seminar-NE [Nagaland University]	135000.00		0.00	
	(ix) INSA RF (Misc. Advance)	3.00		3.00	
	(x) DST Project (Misc. Advance)	13890.65		13890.65	
	(xi) Advance for Postage & stamp	90611.00		91217.00	
	(xii) Prepaid Expenses	81346.00	11501577.29	72604.00	11721542.29
3	Income Accrued				
	a On Investments from“Endowment / [Earmarked Funds [WD-01]	3690988.00		3003258.00	
	b On Investments- Others [WD-01]	0.00		1284810.00	
	c Rent Receivable [WD-02]	3461825.40		3289865.40	
	d Subscription Receivable [WD-03]	2174864.80		2599539.80	
	e TDS Receivable	483822.00		489025.00	
	f Institutional Membership Fee Receivable	2568.00	9814068.20	2568.00	10669066.20



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SCHEDULE 12. INCOME FROM SALES / SERVICES	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Income from Sale		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		201423000.00		215056000.00
2 State Government (specify)		0.00		0.00
3 Government Agencies		0.00		0.00
4 Institutions / Welfare Bodies		0.00		0.00
5 International Organizations		0.00		0.00
6 Others		0.00		0.00
Total		201423000.00		215056000.00

Sl. No.	Grants-in-Aid received from Ministry of Culture, Government of India	Amount ₹	Remarks
1	Grant-in-Aid : General	27500000.00	Revenue Grants (treated as Income)
2	Grant-in-Aid : Salaries	173723000.00	
3	Grant-in-Aid : Swachhwata Action Plan	200000.00	
Total		201423000.00	

SCHEDULE 14. FEES / SUBSCRIPTIONS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Membership card issue fees		11800.00		0.00
2 Annual Fees / Subscriptions		0.00		451900.00
3 Life Membership Fees		684638.00		134626.00
4 Seminar / Workshop Fees		147500.00		15900.00
5 Admission Fees for membership		7500.00		294000.00
6 License Fee (Govt. Accommodation)		30511.00		0.00
7 Application Fees for vacancy Notification		0.00		24900.00
Total		881949.00		921326.00



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SCHEDULE 15. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
(Income from Investment from Earmarked / Endowment Funds transferred to Funds)					
1	Interest on Investments against Endowment Funds [WD-01]		1206467.00		1055350.00
2	Dividend		0.00		0.00
3	Rent [WD-02]		2168796.00		2168796.00
Total			3375263.00		3224146.00
Transferred to Endowment Funds			1206467.00		1055350.00
Net Income from Investments			2168796.00		2168796.00

SCHEDULE 16. INCOME FROM ROYALTY, PUBLICATION, ETC.		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
1	Income from Royalty		37345.00		163625.00
2	Income from Publications		1734042.00		1446695.00
3	Others : Sale of Mementos/ Souvenir items/ Photo album		148355.00		198925.00
Total			1919742.00		1809245.00



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SCHEDULE 17. INTEREST EARNED	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 On Term Deposits				
(a) With Scheduled Banks [WD-01]	167225.00		227227.00	
(b) With Non- Scheduled Banks	0.00		0.00	
(c) With Institutions	0.00	167225.00	0.00	227227.00
2 On Savings Accounts				
(a) With Scheduled Banks	36380.00		1766822.00	
(b) With Non- Scheduled Banks	0.00		0.00	
(c) With Institutions	0.00	36380.00	0.00	1766822.00
3 On Loans				
(a) Employees / Staff				
(i) Interest on H.B.Loan	60984.00		27722.00	
(ii) Interest on Computer Loan	136361.00		98809.00	
(iii) Interest on Scooter Loan	3740.00		4080.00	
(b) Others	0.00	201085.00	0.00	130611.00
4 Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables		0.00		0.00
Total		404690.00		2124660.00

SCHEDULE 18. OTHER INCOME	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Profit on sale / Disposal of Assets		657492.00		0.00
2 Export Incentives Realized		0.00		0.00
3 Miscellaneous Receipts		428949.00		381236.64
Total		1086441.00		381236.64

SN Miscellaneous Receipts [Break-up of Item No.3]	Current Year ₹
a Micro Film / Xerox	16815.00
b Sale of e-waste/ scrap materials	98887.00
c Scanning Charges	298574.00
d Others	14673.00
Total	428949.00



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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]"	30100982.00		32374478.00	
(b) Work-in-Progress	0.00		0.00	
(c) Raw Materials [Preservation Materials]	17342.00	30118324.00	104791.00	32479269.00
2 Less: Opening Stock				
(a) Finished Goods [Printed Publications]	32374478.00		30531652.00	
(b) Work-in-Progress	0.00		0.00	
(c) Raw Materials [Preservation Materials]	104791.00	32479269.00	32447.00	30564099.00
Total		(2360945.00)		1915170.00



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SCHEDULE 20. ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
1	Salary & Wages		144656504.00		139901266.00
2	Allowances & Bonus		1265029.00		1069943.00
3	Employer's Contribution to EPF		11971821.00		9119351.00
4	Administrative Charges on EPF		608729.00		469998.00
5	Employer's Contribution to NPS		3590120.00		2282678.00
6	CRA & Registration charges on NPS		12269.00		21254.00
7	Special License Fee (Govt. Accommodation)		515508.00		35634.00
8	Staff Welfare Expenses		120616.00		64530.00
9	Expenses on Employees' Retirement & Terminal Benefits		21484773.00		18712370.00
10	Leave Travel Concession (LTC)		326994.00		1500462.00
11	Leave Encashment (LE)		333324.00		706191.00
12	Reimbursement of Medical Expenses (Indoor)		2683191.00		2750942.00
13	Reimbursement of Medical Expenses (Outdoor)		2642103.00		1508145.00
14	Honorarium (Staff)		31600.00		19200.00
15	Leave salary & Pension Contribution		886795.00		0.00
16	Reimbursement of News Paper & Telephone Charges		102518.00		85268.00
Total			191231894.00		178247232.00

SN	Salary & Wages [Break-up of Item No.1]	₹
a	Salaries & Wages to Regular Employees	142327052.00
b	Salaries & Wages to Contractual Employees	2329452.00
Total		144656504.00



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SCHEDULE 21. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ETC.	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
A Travelling & Conveyance Expenses:				
A Travelling & Conveyance Expenses:				
1 Travelling Allowance [TA/DA]	332997.20		155710.60	
2 Local Conveyance (staff)	93996.00		70561.00	
3 Local Conveyance (others)	106850.00		67700.00	
4 Traveling Allowance [Transfer]	0.00	533843.20	172750.00	466721.60
B Communication Charges:				
1 Telephone Expenses	91182.00		73603.00	
2 Postage & Communication Charges	107191.00		259719.00	
3 Network & Allied work	0.00		7080.00	
4 Internet Charges	176999.00	375372.00	192080.00	532482.00
C Repairs & Maintenance:				
1 Repairs & Maintenance- Building	353440.00		72013.00	
2 Repairs & Maintenance- Lift	349226.00		399616.34	
3 Repairs & Maintenance- AC Machine	1972985.00		2516647.17	
4 Repairs & Maintenance- Generator	52825.00		35991.00	
5 Repairs & Maintenance- Furniture	16233.00		364229.00	
6 Repairs & Maintenance- Computer	41668.00		82899.36	
7 Repairs & Maintenance- Electrical	102685.00		111980.00	
8 Repairs & Maintenance- Equipment	140999.00		342712.01	
9 Repairs & Maintenance- CCTV	1073644.00		1060844.00	
10 Repairs & Maintenance- Others	154410.00	4258115.00	300348.04	5287279.92
D Other Administrative Expenses:				
1 Advertisement & Publicity	24968.00		148585.00	
2 Printing & Stationery	634123.00		573043.00	
3 Rent, Rates & Taxes	154657.00		117.00	
4 Vehicle Running & Maintenance	578267.00		701165.00	
5 Electricity & Power	3002588.00		2888057.00	
6 E-Filing Fees	49300.00		49200.00	



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SCHEDULE 21. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ETC. (contd...)		Current Year		Previous Year	
		₹	₹	₹	₹
7	Water Charges	3840.00		5280.00	
8	Insurance	113198.39		126818.61	
9	Auditors' Remuneration	650000.00		703100.00	
10	Security & Housekeeping Expenses	10149464.00		9444709.00	
11	Meeting Expenses	729675.00		782968.00	
12	Cleaning & Washing	103433.00		129072.00	
13	Staff Training	0.00		25533.00	
14	Contingencies	112116.00		104907.00	
15	Legal Expenses	393887.00		136175.00	
16	Medal/Awards	5074.00		10000.00	
17	Awards & Incentives	12600.00		0.00	
18	MSTC Ltd (IT & Sevice Charges)	39979.00		0.00	
19	Office Supplies	94263.00		4581.00	
20	Professional Fees	29710.00		20038.00	
21	Election Expenses	203168.00		275379.00	
22	Bank Charges	24115.52		25178.76	
23	Website Development, Maint & Email Account	85200.00		180907.00	
24	License Fees	300.00		3300.00	
25	Annual General Meeting	315104.00		0.00	
26	Recruitment Expenses	190983.00		1328362.54	
27	Repographic Expenses	38806.00		117207.00	
28	Horticulture Expenses	5334.00		7380.00	
29	Expenses for physical verification of Manuscripts & Art Objects at Museum	57586.00		0.00	
30	Shifting & Rearrangement Works	441084.00		197488.00	
31	Rent receivable written off	0.00		1980000.00	
32	Expenditure on retention of Assets	6510.00		0.00	
33	Honorarium (others)	9500.00	18258832.91	1000.00	19969550.91



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SCHEDULE 21. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ETC. (contd...)	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
E Publication & Sales Expenses:				
1 Publication of Books, Journals & Bulletin	3167727.00		5501513.00	
2 Promotion of Publications	40657.00		64000.00	
3 Book Fairs & Book Exhibitions	389144.00	3597528.00	494386.00	6059899.00
F Academic Programme Expenses:				
1 Seminar / Workshop / Lecture	1645221.00		349366.00	
2 Dr. Raja Rajendralala Mitra M. Lecture	43099.00		10000.00	
3 Documentation of Programmes	0.00		16120.00	
4 R N Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque	1371.00	1689691.00	6136.00	381622.00
G Other Programme Expenses:				
1 Celebration of Important Days	183663.00		156256.00	
2 Exhibition	1063927.40		562838.00	
3 Hindi Programme	32908.00		13278.00	
4 Celebration of Foundation Day	304570.00		270428.00	
5 Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsab	0.00	1585068.40	1369531.00	2372331.00
H Library & Museum Development:				
1 Consv. & Binding of Books & Mss	271802.00		91587.00	
2 Library Automation Programme/ Stipend (Library Trainee)	970200.00		483650.00	
3 Digitization of Mss & Rare Books	576300.00		726088.00	
4 Purchase of Preservation Materials	187377.00		179954.00	
5 Purchase of Newspapers & Periodicals	19719.00		19243.00	
6 Institutional Membership Fees	0.00		13570.00	
7 Remuneration for Cataloguing Assistant	195050.00		0.00	
8 Trans-Col & Conveyance (Vivadarnavasetu)	0.00	2220448.00	42023.00	1556115.00



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SCHEDULE 21. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, ETC. (contd...)	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
I Academic & Research Expenses:				
1 Post Doctoral Fellowship	360000.00		360000.00	
2 Fellowship to Research Fellows	2740839.00		2021499.00	
3 Contingency to Research Fellows	180652.00		106510.00	
4 Remuneration to Research Assistants	271232.00		819871.00	
5 Contingency to PI/RA	381723.00	3934446.00	483207.00	3791087.00
J Cost of Replicas (Museum):				
1 Cost of Souvenir (Museum)	117115.00		116732.00	
2 Printing of Posters (Museum)	3100.00	120215.00	0.00	116732.00
K Expenses -North Eastern Region:				
1 Seminar, Workshop for NER	42003.80		110000.00	
2 NER- Internal Project Expenses	0.00		0.00	
3 NER- External Project Expenses	0.00	42003.80	0.00	110000.00
L Expenses- Swatchhwata Action Plan	229678.00	229678.00	163790.00	163790.00
Total		36845241.31		40807610.43



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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		0.00		36471.00
Total		0.00		36471.00

PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS	Current Year		Previous Year	
	₹	₹	₹	₹
1 Provisions Written Back		0.00		44860.00
2 Others		(53830054.00)		0.00
Total		(53830054.00)		44860.00

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

Sd/-
[Sujit Kumar Das]
Treasurer

Sd/-
[S.B.Chakrabarti]
General Secretary



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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 2023-24



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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 Capital Fund while Grants-in-aid received under other heads (viz. General, Salaries & 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 2023-24 towards retirement benefits (gratuity & leave encashment) have been accounted for on actual payment basis.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

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SCHEDULE – 25

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

A. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

1. Bank Guarantee given by / on behalf of the Society: Nil (Previous Year: Nil)
2. 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 2023-24 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 property belonging to S.D. Chatterjee Research Foundation, situated at 91, Ballygunge Place, Kolkata-700019 gifted in favour of the Asiatic Society vide a Deed of Gift made on 08.02.2024 (Deed No. 1609/2024) has been registered at the office of the District Sub-Registrar – IV, Alipore South 24 Parganas on 11.02.2024 and the title of the property has been transferred in the name of Asiatic Society, Kolkata.

The market value of the gifted property of Rs.5,63,89,867/- along with Stamp Duty paid for Rs.28,18,994/- and Registration fee paid for Rs.5,63,899/- towards transfer of title of the said property have been capitalized and the amount totaling of Rs.5,97,72,760/- has also been included in the value of the 'Freehold Building' under fixed assets.

5. The overdraft facility against three Term Deposits totaling Rs.79,51,408.00 with State Bank of India, Park Street branch as collateral security has been withdrawn during 2023-24.
6. Pending the audit for the year 2023-24, the claim for audit fees for the year 2023-24 is yet to be received from the office of the Director General of Audit (central), Kolkata. Under



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such circumstances, an amount of Rs.6,50,000.00 in lump sum (estimated on the basis of last year's audit fees) has been provided for in the accounts for the year 2023-24.

7. Accrued Interest on Fixed Deposits against Endowment Funds & Others as on 31.03.2024 have been accounted for in 2023-24 after reconciliation with FDR statements.
8. The amount of subscription receivable from the Ordinary Members of the Society for the year 2023-24 could not be accounted for due to a technical error of the membership software detected at the time of finalization of annual accounts. However, the same will be adjusted in the subsequent financial year.
9. Corresponding figures for the previous year have been rearranged and regrouped wherever necessary.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

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[S.B.Chakrabarti]
General Secretary



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[(See Rule 238 (1))]

FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of recurring / non-recurring

GRANTS-IN-AID / SALARIES / CREATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

1. Name of the Scheme : **Grants-in-aid under Revenue for The Asiatic Society, Kolkata**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants : **Recurring Grants**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial Year 2023-24 (i.e. 01.04.2023)
 - (i) Cash in Hand / Bank : **Rs. 2,65,59,050**
 - (ii) Unadjusted advances : **Rs. NIL**
 - (iii) Total : **Rs. 2,65,59,050**
4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actual)

[Amount in Rupees]

Unspent Balances of Grants received Years [figure as at Sl.No.3 (iii)]	Interest Earned thereon	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grants received during the year			Total Available funds [(1+2)-3]+4	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			Sanction No.(i)	Date (ii)	Amt. in Rs.(iii)			
Grants-in-Aid : General (31) : 2205.00.105.19.01								
NIL	NIL	NIL	F.No.20-8/2023-A&A (General)	26.04.2023	22,92,000	2,75,00,000	2,75,00,000	NIL
				15.05.2023	22,92,000			
				05.06.2023	22,91,000			
				28.07.2023	22,92,000			
				07.08.2023	22,92,000			
				11.09.2023	22,91,000			
				22.12.2023	68,75,000			
				16.01.2024	22,92,000			
				08.02.2024	45,83,000			
			Total		2,75,00,000			



Grants-in-Aid : Salaries (36) : 2205.00.105.19.01								
NIL	NIL	NIL	F.No.20-8/ 2023- A&A (Salaries)	15.05.2023 05.06.2023 28.07.2023 07.08.2023 11.09.2023 22.12.2023 16.01.2024 08.02.2024	1,44,24,000 1,79,17,000 1,79,60,000 1,79,60,000 1,79,62,000 4,14,19,000 1,53,60,000 3,07,21,000	19,50,00,095	19,50,00,095	NIL
			Total		17,37,23,000			
Creation of Capital Assets (35) : 2205.00.105.19.01								
52,81,955	NIL	NIL	F.No.20-8/ 2023-A&A (CCA)	16.01.2024 08.02.2024	3,34,000 6,66,000	62,81,955	62,81,955	NIL
			Total		10,00,000			
Grants-in-Aid : - General – Swachhwata Action Plan (96-31) : 2205.00.105.19.01								
NIL	NIL	NIL	F.No.20-8/ 2023- A&A (SAP- General)	26.04.2023 15.05.2023 05.06.2023 28.07.2023 07.08.2023 11.09.2023 22.12.2023 16.01.2024 08.02.2024	17,000 17,000 16,000 17,000 17,000 16,000 50,000 17,000 33,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	NIL
			Total		2,00,000			
2,65,59,050	NIL	NIL			20,24,23,000	22,89,82,050	22,89,82,050	NIL

5. Component wise utilization of grants:

[Amount in Rupees]

Grant-in-aid- General	Grant-in-aid- Salaries	Grant-in-aid- Creation of Capital Assets	Grant-in-aid- General-Swachhwata Action Plan (SAP)	Total
2,75,00,000	19,50,00,095	62,81,955	2,00,000	22,89,82,050



6. Details of grants position at the end the Financial Year 2023-24 (i.e., 31.03.2024)

- (i) Cash in Hand / Bank : Rs. NIL
- (ii) Unadjusted Advances : Rs. NIL
- (iii) Total : **Rs. NIL**

7. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled / are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets registers) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/ Rules / Standing instructions (mention the Act/ Rules) and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements / accounts.
- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds / assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. and the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/ Rules/ Standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas / districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under **Grants-in-aid under revenue for The Asiatic Society, Kolkata** (name of the scheme) has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance / targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – I duly enclosed.
- (viii) The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure- II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry / department concerned as per their requirements / specifications).
- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure-II (to be formulated by the Ministry / department concerned as per their requirements / specifications).

Place: Kolkata
Date: 15th May, 2024

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Glimpses

(दृश्य-सामग्री)



Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Patron of the Asiatic Society is delivering his speech during the 239th Annual General Meeting and Awards Giving Ceremony on 1st May 2023. Smt. Lakshmi Ananda Bose, First Lady, West Bengal, Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick and Dr. Sujit Kumar Das, Treasurer of the Society were present on the dias.



Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, former Professor and Head, Department of English, Gauhati University is delivering his speech during 241st Foundation Day Celebration of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata on 15th January 2024.

Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President, Professor J. B. Bhattacharjee, Guest-in-chief, Professor Subhash Ranjan Chakraborty, Vice President of the Society were present on the dias.



Nobel Laureate Dr. Avijit Binayak Bandyopadhyay is awarded the *Rabindranath Tagore Birth Centenary Plaque for the year 2022* by the Society at his residence on 10th January 2024.

Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President, Professor Tapati Mukherjee, Vice President, Dr. Sujit Kumar Das, Treasurer and Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary of the Society were present.



A book release program is held on 19th May 2023 during a five-day workshop on "History of Science". Dr S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President, Professor Rajkumar Roy Choudhury, Physical Science Secretary, Professor Syamal Chakrabarti, Publication Secretary and Professor Deepak Kumar, former Professor Jawaharlal Nehru University were present during the program.



Shri Samik Bandyopadhyay, Theatre Critic is delivering a speech during the Birth Centenary year celebration of Eminent Film Director Sri Mrinal Sen on 24th June 2023 at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake.

A collaborative program of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata with Rekha Chitram, Salt Lake and Eisenstein Cine Club, Gorky Sadan.



Swami Suparnananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture is being felicitated by Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary of the Society on 22nd June 2023. He delivered the *Indira Gandhi Memorial Lecture 2022*.



Professor Ashok Kanti Sanyal, Biological Science Secretary is delivering a speech in the program “Tribal and Indigenous People” on 29th August 2023 at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake. Dr S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Mr Kevin Goh, Deputy Consul-General, Consulate of Australia, Kolkata and Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President of the Society were present in the program.



Observance of World Yoga Day on 21st June 2023.
Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary and Lt. Col. Anant Sinha, Director are performing yoga in the occasion along with the staff members of the Society.



Lt. Col. Anant Sinha, Director is delivering a speech in the inaugural program of *Hindi Pakhwara 2023* on 1st September 2023.
Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Shri Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya, Philological Secretary of the Society and Smt. Rita Bhattacharya, former Chief Manager (Raj Bhasha), Punjab National Bank were present on the dias.



Professor Junji Koizumi, President of IUAES is delivering his speech in Post-Congress Seminar in connection with the 19th IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress (Treasures of Knowledge) on 28th October 2023.

Professor Sukanta Chaudhuri, Professor Kalyan K Chakraborty, Professor Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Professor Basudeb Barman, Vice President of the Society and Dr. Sumita Chaudhuri were present in the dias.



Professor Vijoy S Sahay, Professor Emeritus & former Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Allahabad is being welcomed by Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary. He delivered *Dr. Panchanan Mitra Memorial Lecture 2022* on 4th October 2023.

Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President and Professor Ranjana Roy, Anthropological Secretary of the Society were present.



A team of Hungarian delegates are visiting the Museum of the Society on 22nd November 2023.



Eminent Singer Pandit Ajay Chakraborty is delivering speech on 'A Memorial Meeting in Memory of Sri Gautam Halder' at Rajendralala Mitra Bhavan, Salt Lake on 20th December 2023.



Professor Satyabati Giri, former Professor, Department of Bengali, Jadavpur University is delivering her speech in a six-day workshop on 'Manuscriptology and Palaeography'.

Professor Tapati Mukherjee, Vice-President of the Society and Professor Jyotsna Chattopadhyay are also on the dias.



Professor Chinmoy Guha, former Professor and Head, Department of English, University of Calcutta is being felicitated by Professor Arun Bandyopadhyay, Historical and Archaeological Secretary of the Society on 5th January 2024 at the occasion of 5th Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture 2024.



Professor N. K. Sundareswaran, Professor of Department of Sanskrit, University of Calicut, is present to deliver his speech in 9th K. K. Handique Memorial Lecture on 29th February 2024.

Professor Basudeb Barman, Vice President, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President, Shri Shyam Sundar Bhattacharya, Philological Secretary, Professor Nabannarayan Bandyopadhyay and Professor Mahidas Bhattacharya were present.



Dr. Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay is being felicitated on the 203rd Birth Anniversary Celebration of Raja Rajendralala Mitra on 16th February 2024. He delivered a speech on the occasion.

Dr. S.B. Chakrabarti, General Secretary, Professor Swapan Kumar Pramanick, President of the Society and Professor Abhra Ghosh were present in the program.



A Fire Fighting Training Program was organized for the staff members of the Society on 26th March 2024.



A drama '*Dampati*' was organised by the Society's Recreation Club and participated by the staff members on 9th October 2023.



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