



THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI

Town Hall, Mumbai 400 001
221st Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 27th September, 2025, at 3.30 p.m.

NOTICE

1. As per the Resolution No. 15 passed in the 205th AGM (21st August, 2009), the Annual Report of the Society for the year 2024-2025 (containing the Audited Statement of Accounts) and the minutes of the previous AGM of 2024 (220th AGM held on 28th September, 2024 and the minutes of the SGM held on 9th November 2024) are already sent to the Members by e-mail.
2. The printed copy of the minutes of the previous AGM (220th AGM held on 28th September 2024; the SGM held on 9th November 2024; the Annual Report (2024-2025) and the Resolutions from Managing Committee as well as Members, if any, will be available at the venue of the AGM.
3. Members are requested to intimate to the office in writing, within 30 days after the AGM, their desire to have a hard copy of the draft minutes of the 221st AGM, 2025.
4. According to Rule No.4 of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, the following categories of Members of the Society are entitled to attend the Society's AGM and vote – Resident, Resident Life, Non-Resident, Non-Resident Life, Patron Life Member, Donor Life Member & the Head of the Member Institute (in case of Institutional Membership).
5. Every member should bring his/her **ORIGINAL I-CARD** along with him/her at the time of the AGM (**NO PHOTOCOPY / DIGITAL COPY / SOFT COPY WILL BE ACCEPTED**). No member will be allowed in the meeting room without an I-card (**IN ORIGINAL**).
6. Please pay your subscription before 27th September 2025. (Kindly ignore if payment is already made.)

Place: Town Hall, Mumbai
Date: 24th September, 2025

Prof. Mangala Sirdeshpande
Officiating Hon. Secretary

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A G E N D A

I] I] Resolution proposed by the Managing Committee:

Item No. 4: To appoint the Statutory Auditors for two years 2025-26 and 2026-27

The following resolution passed unanimously by the Managing Committee at its meeting held on 19th September, 2025, is recommended to the General Body for approval:

“Resolved that Sarvashri Virendra B. Shah, Bhogilal C. Shah & Co., and A. D. Bhorkar, A.D. Bhorkar & Co, Chartered Accountants are hereby appointed Joint Auditors of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai (ASM) for two years (2025-26 and 2026-27) from the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of 2027 of the ASM on such honorarium as may be fixed by the Managing Committee.”

Proposed by : Mangala Sirdeshpande

Seconded by: Nobby Pariyaram

II] Item No.6: To consider the resolutions

6.A Proposed Resolutions (From the Managing Committee):

The Managing Committee unanimously recommends the following resolutions, which were passed in its meetings held on 19th September 2025 and 24th September 2025, to the General Body for approval:

- 6.A.1 The Managing Committee places before the forthcoming AGM a resolution pertaining to enhancement of scholarships amount by combining the years of certain scholarships of the Research, Scholarships and Medals Committee. *(This resolution was passed by the Research, Scholarships and Medals Committee at its meeting held on 25-08-2025)*

“Resolved that the following Research Scholarships for the years are combined so that the researchers may get between Rs. 32,000 to Rs. 48,000/- as scholarship amount. This will be with effect from April 2024.”

Resolution on enhancement of scholarship amount by combining the years of certain scholarships of the Research Scholarships and Medals Committee

The duration of each scholarship is one year

S.No.	Name of the scholarship	Amount	Details of Duration	Recommendation	Value of the scholarship
1	Justice K.T. Telang Scholarship in “Indology	Rs. 12,000/-	Annual	Made once in 4 years	Rs. 48,000/-
2	INDAL Scholarship in “Social Science	Rs. 12,000/-	Annual	Made once in 4 years	Rs. 48,000/-
3	Asiatic Society’s Scholarships in “Social Science”	Rs. 25,000/-	Annual	Made once in two years	Rs.50,000/- alternate year
4	Asiatic Society’s Scholarships in “Social Science”	Rs. 25,000/-	Annual	Made once in two years	Rs.50,000/- alternate year
5	Asiatic Society’s Scholarship in “Labour Studies”	Rs. 12,000/-	Annual	Made once in 3 years	Rs. 36,000/-
6	Gulestan Billimoria Scholarship in the subject relating to the study of Mumbai / Maharashtra	Rs. 12,000/-	Annual	Made once in 3 years	Rs.36,000/-
7	Dr. (Smt.) Sheela Raj Memorial Scholarship in “History”	Rs. 16,000/-	Annual	Made once in 2 years	Rs.32,000/-
8	Smt. Rajani Dandekar Scholarship in ‘History of Art: Bombay School’	Rs. 30,000/-	Once in two years	Made once in 3 years	Rs. 45,000/-

*** Scholarship numbers 3 and 4 will not be given in the same year.**

Explanatory Note:

This will encourage more researchers to apply for these scholarships.

Proposed by: Shehernaz Nalwalla

Seconded by: Mangala Sirdeshpande

- 6.A.2 “It is resolved that the Director of the MM Dr. P.V. Kane Institute for Post-Graduate Studies and Research be invited to attend the Managing Committee meeting when matters pertaining to the Kane Institute are on the Agenda.”

Proposed by : Kunda P.N.

Seconded by: Shormistha Mukherjee

- 6.A.3 “It was brought to the notice of the Managing Committee that some members resort to using unparliamentary and threatening language against staff and /or othermembers in the premises of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

Resolved that the Managing Committee be empowered to initiate proceedings to terminate membership of any member resorting to such antisocial behaviour, behaviour, after conducting an inquiry by the members of a Special Committee as constituted by the Managing Committee for this purpose.

It is further resolved that carrying firearms, carrying or imbibing alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited within the premises of the Society.”

Proposed by : Shormistha Mukherjee

Seconded by: Kunda P.N.

6.B Proposed Resolution (From Members):

The following resolution has been submitted by a Member of the Society before the General Body for consideration. The comments of the Managing Committee on the resolution is given at an appropriate place below:

- 6.B.1 In view of the inaction throughout a year, on the part of the office-bearers of the ASM with regard to the necessary effort expected from them to pursue with the Government of India (GOI), through the Governor of Maharashtra, the goal of securing the status of ‘Institute of National Importance’ for ASM, and thereby secure ASM’s financial stability, further to the member resolution proposed by the undersigned proposer for presenting before the 220th AGM on 28/09/24, which was presented and passed by ASM’s general body in the said AGM, it is proposed to condemn the said inaction and the resulting failure on the part of the office bearers of the Managing Committee of the ASM to execute the task assigned to them by ASM’s general body a year back.

Explanatory Note:

After passage of the above-referred member resolution, in the 220th AGM, the office-bearers were duty-bound to pursue the matter as expected, which they have failed to do, which became evident through their reply dated 05/09/25 to an RTI application dated 12/08/25, filed by the undersigned proposer. Hence this resolution!

Proposed by: Pulind Samant (RL)

Seconded by: Malhar Krishna Gokhale (RL)

Managing Committee’s Comments:

The issue of granting the status of National Importance to the Asiatic Society of Mumbai has not been pursued with the Government of India, Ministry of Culture, in the course of the year, post the last AGM. In light of the past experience of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai not getting any response to their requests sent over several years, the Managing Committee did not follow up this matter with the Ministry of Culture.