

Know Your Candidate (KYC)

NAME – Arvind Singh

Member Type (Annual/life)- Resident Life, S - 236 (RL)

Membership Years (since) – 2010

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic – No

Education – Master of Arts, Bachelor of Communication & Journalism

Occupation/Professional Info – Journalist, author

Other Info – Over two decades of media experience across multilingual platforms. Author of two books, including the acclaimed *India's Rogue Historians* and editor and translator of four books. Committed to restoring the glory of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai and making it the key place for researchers and students of history.

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Name - BIPLOV MOHANTA BELEL

Member Type (Annual/life)- LIFE

Membership Years (since)– 2019

**Member of any other sub-committees of
Asiatic – MRC**

Education - Undergraduate

**Occupation/Professional Info - Proprietor at
Mohanta Belel & Sons.**

**Other Info – Will strive towards making the
Asiatic Society of Mumbai into a centre of
excellence in history and archaeological
research.**

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NAME -MADHAVI RAGHAV NARSALAY–

Member Type (Annual/life)- Life

Membership Years (since)– 1996 (Annual) 2002 (Life)

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic –Journal Committee (Convenor) Mm PV Kane Committee (Member)

Education – MA (B.Ed) Phd

Occupation/Professional Info -Professor and Former Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Mumbai and I/C Director, Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Mumbai

Other Info – *(Achievements, Personal Vision for ASM or any info that you wish to communicate to voters about you)*

Received the Performance Based Incentive Award from the University of Mumbai in 2009 and was felicitate by the then Governor of Maharashtra, HE. S.C. Jamir.

As a member of the Managing Committee of the Asiatic Society, I will strive to contribute in Research on Manuscripts, bring in collaborative activities, enhance the research culture in the Asiatic Society. My areas of research are Veda, Puranas, Ramayan, Mahabharat, Dharmashastra, Manuscripts, Translations and Old Marathi.

I have authored three books and edited 6 books which include felicitation volumes and seminar proceedings. I have an experience in interacting with media like STAR PLUS, HOTSTAR, AMAZON AUDIBLE as an expert on Indian Culture.

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NEEL G. HELEKAR

Member Type (Annual/life)- LIFE

Membership Years (since)– 2024

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic – NO

Education – B.Com, LL.B.

Occupation/Professional Info – Practicing Advocate in Mumbai High Court

Other Info – Elected Senate Member and Management Council Member of University of Mumbai during the period 2017 to 2022.

Trustee of the Deccan Education Society, Pune and CDC Chairman of the Kirti College, Mumbai since 2016.

VISION : To connect the Asiatic Society to different colleges in Mumbai, connecting more students and youths to Library and start new research projects on Ancient Bharat.

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NAME – NOBBY PARIYARAM– Font-Bold Black Arial 22 size Centered

Member Type (Annual/life)- LIFE

Membership Years (since)– 2017

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic -Convener -MRC, Finance committee,

Education – M.Sc. Finance, JBIMS, B.A Economics-St Xaviers College

Occupation/Professional Info -Managing Partner-SUNNY & CO -logistics and shipping professional

Other Info – *(Achievements, Personal Vision for ASM or any info that you wish to communicate to voters about you)- I have been on the Managing committee previously for 3 years previously and served as convener for the Mumbai Research Centre, as a part of the committee have organized several lectures/talks and heritage talks for members and non-members as well. I hope to continue to keep the old vibrancy of the institution, by regularly organizing talks at the durbar hall, walks and outreach programs engaging with members and non-members .*

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SANDEEP DAHISARKAR

Member Type (Annual/life)- Life

Membership Years (since)– 5 years since 2021

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic – Journal Committee

Education - Master's degree in Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology

Occupation/Professional Info - Independent Scholar, Author and Cultural Consultant

Other Info – Sandeep Dahisarkar is a young and independent archaeologist, art historian and author of five books on various aspects of history of Mumbai city. With over 12 years of experience in archaeological and historical research, Dahisarkar specializes in community history, local history, Marathi manuscript study, biography writing, art history, historical fieldwork and documentation. He stood first in the University of Mumbai in the subject of Ancient Indian Culture & Archaeology for his Bachelor's degree. He completed his postgraduate studies in the same subject at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. He is a recipient of the Gulestan Bilimoria Junior Research Fellowship from the Asiatic Society of Mumbai in 2017. As a Cultural Consultant to the royal family of Indore in 2020-21, he trained local guides for the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Maheshwar Walk in Madhya Pradesh State. He worked as an Advisor for the Documentary on Sangli Museum for the Directorate of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Maharashtra. He has delivered over 28 public and guest lectures, including for Lokmanya Seva Sangh, Parle; Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Konkan Prant; Avid Learning; Vadodara People's Heritage Festival; Hyderabad Art Show; Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata; The Asiatic Society of Mumbai; IGNCA Vadodara, Jaipur Literature Festival, IGNCA New Delhi and various colleges in Mumbai. His contributions to archaeology and history have earned him the Sane Guruji Yuva Puraskar, Mumbai (2022) and Yuva Sanman Puraskar, Pune (2023).

His Vision- To maintain the academic and intellectual legacy of Asiatic Society and create it as a platform of archaeological and historical research for young researchers.

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Name (In Block Letters): SARANG DARSHANE

Member Type (Annual/Life): Life

Education: B.Com., M.A., Sanskrit Visharad, Diploma in Journalism and Communication

Occupation/Professional Info: Journalist, Editor, Writer, Public Speaker

Other Info: I have written many award-winning books and have been writing on various subjects for the last four decades.

The Asiatic Society is a great, historic institute. It should be proactive in its interaction with society at large, as well as with the intelligentsia in India and around the world. The Asiatic Society should become an intellectual leader in the new *Prabodhan Parv* (Era of Enlightenment) in India. It should attract the youth of India and start many new activities.

Research in the humanities, social sciences, and Indology in India needs to be well-directed and focused. The Asiatic Society should be in a position to steer this process. Over the last 200 years, Mumbai has been a pioneer in various fields, including intellectual leadership. That position must be regained through various creative ideations and their execution.

Let the Asiatic Society lead the Indian intelligentsia...

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SHORMISTHA MUKHERJEE

Member Type (Annual/life)- Life

Membership Years (since)– 2021

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic – Mumbai Research Centre

Education - Bachelor Of Arts (History)

Occupation/Professional Info - Co-founder and Chief Growth Officer of a digital company, headquartered in Mumbai. Working in advertising and marketing for over 30 years. Award winning creative director.

Other Info – *(Achievements, Personal Vision for ASM or any info that you wish to communicate to voters about you)*

I have worked with some of the biggest companies and brands in building memorable marketing and creative strategies. I am a cancer survivor, who wrote a memoir, published by Harper Collins. My book won the Laadli Media Awards in 2022, and I have been a speaker at Literature Festivals.

I document oral history in my neighbourhood and have created an immersive experience on the reclamation in Bandra. I have also presented a paper at the OHAI conference. And am now editing and publishing an anthology on Bandra.

I have contributed to the society by hosting and volunteering for numerous programmes, as well as being part of a small team that has made our social media channels a place of discovery for anyone who loves history and wants to stay connected to us.

I would like to use my experience in marketing and new mediums, to devise strategies to bring more footfall to the library, more involved members, more corporate interest, and attract the best minds to the ASM.

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NAME - IN BLOCK LETTERS – VIKAS LAXMAN PARANJAPE

Member Type (Annual/life)- Annual

Membership Years (since)– 2024

Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic – NO

Education – B.Sc.

Occupation/Professional Info – Publisher, Director Jyotsna Prakashan

Other Info – *(Achievements, Personal Vision for ASM or any info that you wish to communicate to voters about you)*

With over four decades of distinguished service in the publication industry, Vikas Paranjape brings unparalleled editorial vision and depth. A passionate scholar of Lokmanya Tilak, his work deeply explores Tilak's life, thought and enduring legacy, blending publishing expertise with committed historical inquiry.

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NAME - YOGESH K SHAH

Member Type (Annual/life)- LIFE MEMBER

Membership Years (since)– 08/01/1994 (S -189)

**Member of any other sub-committees of Asiatic –
LITCLUB, BOOK SUB-COMMITTEE, JOURNAL S.C.,
P.V.KANE PG INSTT S.C., MUMBAI RESEARCH CENTRE**

**Education - M.M.S.(FIN), Ph.D. SCHOLAR, DBM, DMS,
ADV. DIPL. IN SHUDDHADVAIT VAISHNAVISM,
'KOVID' IN BHAGVAD GITA**

Occupation/Professional Info - Ex-BANKER, CURRENTLY TEACHING ECO & MATHS

**Other Info – MY IDEA IS TO MAKE ASIATIC SOCIETY
INCLUSIVE OF ALL THE LANGUAGES,
MAKE IT LITERARY AND CULTURE HUB,
MODERNISE WITH GEN Z GENRE**

ABOUT MYSELF:

- 1) MID-DAY (GUJ) COLUMNIST**
- 2) FEATURE WRITER OF MUMBAI SAMACHAR, JANMABHOOMI**
- 3) MONTHLY COLUMN ON FINANCE AND ECONOMICS IN JOURNAL**
- 4) Ex PRESIDENT AND Ex TRUSTEE OF 112 YEARS OLD SAMAJ
AND A KELAVANI MANDAL**
- 5) ADVISOR OF COMMUNITY BUSINESS FORUM**
- 6) Ex EDITOR OF A WEEKLY (DHARA GURJARI)**
- 7) Ex EDITOR OF A COMMUNITY MONTHLY MAGAZINE 'YUVAK' (12 YEARS)**
- 8) CONVENOR OF DRAMA COMPETITIONS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS
AND OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
- 9) PRABODHANKAR AWARD FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**
- 10) NEHRU PRIZE AND AMRUTLAL YAGNIK SHIELD AT COLLEGE LEVEL**
- 11) BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR AT INTER COLLEGIATE DRAMA COMPETITION**
- 12) PRESENTED PAPERS ON NARI CHETANA, DALIT CHETANA, ANU ADHUNIKTAVAD**

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