



ALUMNI NEWS

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February is a month when we start feeling the disappearance of chilly days and the weather gradually warms up. Succeeding winter and preceding summer it's time for arrival of Spring, the queen of seasons. Spring is a season of clichés – birds chirping, bees buzzing, it's love that's in the air. Spring is called the best of seasons, but cold and flu affects the most for no good reasons!

This year we find a scary scene in the horizon when our country got a fresh jolt due to a huge amount of fraud case in a Nationalized bank.

Let's hope it doesn't affect our spirit of activities.

NOTIFICATION

The Regulations of the Constitution of the Alumni Association, NCE Bengal and Jadavpur University are to undergo some amendment of clauses and sub-clauses for better functioning and improvement of the Association. These amendments, which were discussed in details in the EC Meeting held on 17th November 2017 for acceptance, need to be placed and discussed for their approval by convening an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) which has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday the 7th March 2018 at 4.00 PM in the Meeting Hall of the Association, Jadavpur University campus Kolkata.

ANNUAL PICNIC

It was a wintry Sunday morning on 11th February 2017, the Day selected for our annual Picnic. The alumni members, their family and friends totalling 55 heads assembled at Gate no. 3 of the University. All boarded a luxury bus there when the journey started at 9.15 AM. The destination for the picnic spot was PG Garden, Sonarpur Mission Pally, near Sarada Vidyapith. Lip smacking breakfast with Luchi, Tarkari, Joynagorer Moya and Tea were served. Aadda and variety of extempore cultural programme kept everyone engaged with fun. A sumptuous lunch with rice, dal, alu bhaja, fish curry and mutton kosha were served in the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the day in the midst of the nature, a place not quite far from the city. The same luxury bus brought everyone back to Jadavpur by 5.30 PM. A wonderful time spent together.

(acknowledgement: **Dr. Sumit Chakrabarty '99 Pharm**)

LOK-NANDAN GAAN

Lok-nandan Gaan, a musical evening on folk songs of Bengal was arranged by the Cultural sub-committee in Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium at 6.00 PM on 27th February 2018.

1st half of the programme was Baul songs by Lakshman Das Baul and his associates. He sang a few popular baul songs and a few offbeat ones. With his charismatic high pitch voice and dancing he captured the minds of the audience.

After a while he told one of his associates Bamandas Singha to perform, his solo song drew attention of all the audience. At the end Lakshman Das baul and Bamandas Singha performed two consecutive chorus songs– worth appreciating was their depth in voice modulation and attractive dancing.



The last song was a very popular baul song “Milan hobe kato dine amar moner manusher sone....” The 2nd part of the programme was performance by two promising folk singers Rishi and Urmi, young artists of Zee Bangla SA RE GA MA PA famous. Baul songs are folk songs developed by *bauls*, a syncretic religious sect, in the domain of social practices, rituals, festive and historical events. Urmi sang folk songs which captures the moods of morning hours, whereas Rishi performed those of evening moods after the days’ laborious activity got over. A few offbeat folk songs like ‘Alkap’ (popular in the district of Murshidabad) describing the after-effect of the battle of Plassey; and also *Khan’* folk songs of Dinajpur.

Towards the end of the programme, on request of both the performers *Purabi Pishi*



(Sm. Purabi Bhattacharya, '71 Beng., Treasurer of the Alumni Association) joined them on the stage. They sang folk song together with *Purabi Pishi*. It was a marvelous musical soiree when audience gave them an enthusiastic round of applause.

(Acknowledgement: Shri Jatindra Nath Rudra '63 Civil E)

STUDENTS ASSISTANCE and AWARD PROGRAMME (2017 – 18)

Stipends for Quarter#3 (academic year 2017 – 18) amounting to Rs.9,61,000.00 has been disbursed during the month of February 2018. (acknowledgement: Shri Sabyasach Bose '61 Ch E)

ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Sm. Ruma Nag ('71 Maths), our alumni member, for her outstanding performance in the popular TV Show Didi No.1 in ZEE Bangla on 14th August 2018 when she was selected as the Best Didi for the day. A photo is attached.

(acknowledgement: Sm Barnali Kar '91 MEE)



CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Website: www.hqalumniju.org.in

Status of Website

- All upcoming events including Monthly News of January, 2018, were uploaded in our Website. Life membership enrolled till February, 2018 was updated in Membership Directory.

Purchase of Projector:

- A new Projector has been purchased for Alumni Association. This was successfully demonstrated both in Auditorium as well in Meeting Hall of the Association. Hitherto, Projector was being rented for presentations in Seminars/Memorial Lectures at quite high rent. Thus it will eliminate substantial revenue expenditure

Chapter Co-ordination:

As mentioned in previous Monthly News (January, 2018) that Sri Abhijit Sarkar ('95 Prodn.) is nominated as Joint Convenor in place of Smt. Barnali Kar. Henceforth Sri Sarkar will liaise with respective Chairmen/Convenors of Branches and Chapters (as available in our record) vide Table uploaded in the portal of our Website from his mail id Abhijit@House-E.services.

BUDHER AADDA

Budher Aadda is held on every Wednesday at 5.30PM in the Meeting Hall of the Association.

Various interesting contemporary topics are discussed within a specific time-slot on every Wednesday other than normal aadda over singara, cakes and tea. All members are invited to join Budher aadda and make it more meaningful.

During Budher aadda on 14th February '18 people from other chapters of JUAA visited us for a meeting with our alumni members.

It was Dr. Nilanjan Sen ('83 Eco.), President of Singapore chapter; Shri Sunith Lahiri ('72 EE), Chairman of UK chapter; and Shri Guruprasanna Chakraborty ('62 Ch. E) from New Jersey, USA.

(acknowledgement: Sm Barnali Kar '91 MEE)

On 21st February '18, Budher aadda had a special agenda of on-screen projection of beautiful photographs (still and video) of Iceland and Sweden – the places where Shri Bijan Bandopadhyay ('65 ME) had travelled last.

Incidentally on 21st Feb '18 Shri Dave Ghosal ('63 ME) from WMA chapter made a visit.

Also Shri Rajat Sarkar ('99 MBA) came from Oman chapter who regaled us with melodious tune by flute



recital. Every piece he presented carried immaculate musical value.

Lastly on 21st February '18, as a remembrance of *International Mother Language Day*, a chorus song "Moder garob moder aasha, aamori Bangla bhasha..." was sung.

Had a nice time together over snacks and tea to celebrate the occasion.

(acknowledgement: Sm Barnali Kar '91 MEE)

SHANIBAARER AASAR

Shanibaarer Aasar was held on 24th February '18 at 4.30 PM in our Meeting Hall. The main theme was 'Bhaashaa Dbosh'. Quite a good no. of alumni members participated in the aasar. It was quite an enjoyable session.



(acknowledgement: Photo collage by Sm Barnali Kar '91 MEE)

NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members had enrolled their names during the period from 1st Feb 2018 to 27th Feb 2018:

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| Siddhartha | Majumder | 1994 | Prodn Engg |
| Anirban | Roy | 1986 | Civil Engg |
| Goutam | Dutta | 2000 | Mech Engg |
| Arati | Khan | 2091 | M.Phil (Hist) |
| Ashok Kumar | Mahata | 1990 | MA (Sans) |

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period from 1st Feb 2018 to 27th Feb 2018 are as follows:

| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
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| Nilanjan Sen '83 Eco (President of Singapore chapter) | Rs. 50,000/- | JU Development Fund |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Social sub-committee of Alumni association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce celebration of BASANT UTSAV on Sunday, the 18th March 2018 at the Alumni Building from 10 AM to 4 PM. All members are requested to attend the function with family and friends. A token contribution of Rs.350/- per head will be applicable.

- A half day seminar will be organised by Memorial & Seminar sub-committee on *Security and Privacy Issues in Digital Payment Systems* on 21st March '18 Wednesday. This was supposed to be held on 27th Feb '18 but due to some unavoidable circumstances got postponed.

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Speaker</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 4 th Mar 2018 | Amiyaa and Sudhakar Bandopadhyay Memorial Lecture on "Bartomaan Shiksha Byabasthaar Haalhakikat" | Shri Surjangshu Bhattacharya |
| | Basanta Basu Memorial Lecture on "Praagshovik (emotional) Buddhi O Taar Upajogita" | Prof. Susmita Saha |
| 11 th Mar 2018 | Triguna Sen Memorial Programme "Swadesh Bandanaa" | To be conducted by the group "Geetibahar" |

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| 18 th Mar 2018 | Shashibhushon Roy Memorial Lecture on "Dhaatree Bidyaay Baangali" | Dr. Shyamal Chakraborty |
| 25 th Mar 2018 | Jnanen Aayon Datta Memorial Lecture on "Tathyo Projukti: Ateet, Bartomaan O Bhabishyot" | Prof. Chandan Mazumder |
| | Gopinath Chakraborty Mmemorial Lecture on "Tathyo Projuktir Apobyabohaar: Janthro Jakhon Jantrona" | Shri Armatya Bandopadhyay |

(acknowledgement: Sm Jayasri Ghosh '73 MA Eco.)



NEWS FROM NCE: CENTENARY BOOK FAIR (1918 – 2018)

National Council of Education, Bengal arranged the Commemorative Centenary Book Fair in the Council Premises between February 21, 2018 and February 25, 2018 . The fair was inaugurated by Professor Sankha Ghosh. There were lectures by eminent professors on all the days on Books and Book Fair.

Photos above: View of the Gateway to the fair / Prof. Swati Chatterjee, President NCE and Prof. Swapan Chakravarty, Professor Presidency University occupying Rabindranath Thakur Distinguished Chair

(acknowledgement: Sm Sipra Patra '77 Eng.)

Got a minute?

WRITE A BRIEF NOTE ON THE BALANCE SHEET OF A BANK

Someone answered:

On the left side, nothing is right

On the right side, nothing is left

***"The winds of grace are always blowing, but you
have to raise the sail.***

-Ramakrishna Paramhansa