



## ALUMNI NEWS

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The month of **July** is monsoon time. Rain or *Barsha* is described as the link between heaven and earth when drops of water falling down – a drizzle to start with, on gaining strength slowly becomes a heavy downpour. Come the rainy season - the clouds are charged with thrilled happy hearts and nature turns bountiful with flowers, fruits and plants sprouting fresh in full splendour.

### PROF. HEM CHANDRA GUHA MEMMORIAL PROGRAMME



Prof. Hem Chandra Guha memorial programme, arranged by Memorial & Seminar sub-committee, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 5.30 p.m. in Dr, Triguna Sen auditorium. The function was inaugurated by Amitabha Roy Choudhuri '62 EE, a senior alumni member. Invocation song was jointly presented by Mita Mukherjee '84 Beng. and Mahua

Banerjee'85 Phil. Floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Prof. Hem Chandra Guha by Hiren Kumar Ghosh '61ME , President; Sumit Chakrabarti '99 Pharm, Secretary; Ashutosh Deb '59 ME, Chairman- Memorial & Seminar Sub-Committee; Amitabha Roy Choudhuri, Sr. Member; Indrajit Basu '68 EE, Convener -Memorial & Seminar sub-committee and subsequently by Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, AMITY University, Kolkata.



Welcome address was given by Hiren Kr. Ghosh, President, Alumni association who stated Prof Guha as an eminent educationist and a great son of Jadavpur University. Ashutosh Deb while paying tribute, described Prof. H.C. Guha as a man of strong discipline who worked very hard for the cause of the development of Jadavpur University and as well for the alumni association. Sumit Chakrabarti introduced to the audience the guest speaker of the day Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay who delivered the lecture titled "Wonders of Nano Technology" through audio-visual aids. He explained that the sector of Nano Technology, at present, has evolved with a gigantic breakthrough in the world of technology. Nano Technology is being well-thought-out as another industrial revolution and is expected to be our socioeconomic life for the upcoming years.

Then, vote of thanks was given by Indrajit Basu.

Memorial lecture was followed by musical tribute performed by Medha Basu, a disciple of Pt. Ajay Chakraborty and a student of Jadavpur University. Her performance was highly appreciated by the entire audience.

### LANDMARK EVENT

Shri Jatis Chandra Chakraborti '51 ME donated Rs.10,000 to JU Alumni Association for procurement of an Aqua-guard Compact (Water purifier). The equipment duly procured was installed at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the alumni building on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

We are all grateful to Jatis-da!



An additional ladies' washroom, at the ground floor adjacent to the foyer, was opened on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE & AWARD SUB-COMMITTEE

Applications for the renewal from the eligible candidates receiving Alumni's financial assistance from the previous years, have been invited and would be received up to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Interviews on selective basis would be planned during early August 2018 and the selection will be completed thereafter. Application from the newly enrolled students would be invited during early August 2018 if the admission process is completed by the university at the end of July 2018.



Shri Sourav Roy '98 Civil Engg, Vice President, SoCal (South California) [earlier Los Angeles chapter] and Smt. Saoli Roy '98 IR, a member of SoCal visited JUAA on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and met some students sponsored by them. They interacted with the students and informed them to be in touch for any help, if needed, in connection with their studies in the university. They also handed over a cheque for US\$ 4000 as their donation this year for the student assistance programme.

## CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION (CCIC) SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: Kalyan Das '63 Chem Engg.; EMAIL: [kkdratna@rediffmail.com](mailto:kkdratna@rediffmail.com)

Convener: Ananda Sankar Sen '71 Electrical Engg.; EMAIL : [anandasankarsen@gmail.com](mailto:anandasankarsen@gmail.com)

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- Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Website: [www.hgalumniju.org.in](http://www.hgalumniju.org.in)

Status of Website:

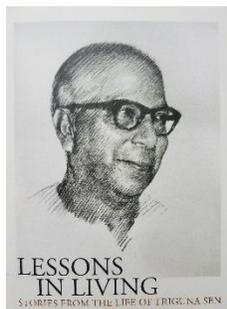
- a) All upcoming Events and Notices/Circulars including Monthly News of June,2018 are duly uploaded
- b) List of New Sub-Committees (2018-2019) with Names of Chairmen, Convenors and Joint Convenors are uploaded in the Website.
- c) Life Members enrolled till July 2018 are entered in Membership Directory. Last Membership No. is 4900.
- d) First meeting of Sub-Committee: It was held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. After formal introduction with members, the existing Website was displayed through Projector. Some pages of Website are in Dynamic Mode and rest in Static mode. Sri Abhijit Mitra, Joint Convener, apprised the Members regarding Static and Dynamic modes of Website.  
Existing Website was then scrutinized Page by Page and relevant points (where actions are to be taken) were noted. Feasibility of implementation of Content Management System (CMS) was raised. This will be taken up in next Meeting.
- e) Renewal of Routine Maintenance of Website: The existing service provider will not be available after July 2018. The search for substitute person is being made.

- Chapter Co-ordination:

- a) J U University Alumni Association Sydney Chapter in partnership with Mukti Australia successfully organised a fund raising program "An evening of Music and Dance" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Homebush Strathfield Uniting Church, 11 Carrington Ave, Strathfield .
- b) On Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Singapore (JUAA) and IIT Alumni Association, Singapore successfully presented "Networking Evening" followed by a Fireside Chat with Arundhati Bhattacharya -Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Rise of Women Leaders in Emerging Markets.

Members are requested to visit our Website regularly and for any clarifications/suggestions for any improvement in the quality of the renovated Website, please do write to: Chairman/Convener of Chapter Co-ordination and Information & Communication Sub-Committee

### BOOK RELEASE & ARCHIVE INAUGURATION BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BENGAL



On 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, at 5.00 p.m. NCE, Bengal arranged to release a book on Dr. Triguna Sen "*Lessons in Living : Stories from the Life of Triguna Sen*" and to inaugurate an Archive on Dr. Triguna Sen. The ceremony was held in the Indumati Sabhagriha of the Council. The dignitaries after having taken their seats on the dais, the programme started with an opening song. Welcome address was given by Prof. Ananda Deb Mukherjee, General Secretary, NCE Bengal. Dr. Shekhar Dutt, IAS (Rtd.), former Governor of Chhattisgarh released the book, when the first copy was presented to Prof. Mamata Dutta, the elder daughter of Dr. Triguna Sen. Then, Prof. Sati Chatterjee, President, NCE Bengal addressed the august audience. Subsequently vote of thanks was given by Shri K.P. Sing Deo, Vice President, NCE Bengal.

At the end of the programme Dr. Shekhar Dutt inaugurated the biographical archive on Dr. Triguna Sen's life.

The book not only covers his life but rare photographs ranging from his time in Germany in late 20's to early 30's. Copy of Triguna Sen's Doctorate Award from Technical University in Munich is also included. Excerpts from Interviews with over 20 people including colleagues, students and family and excerpts



from his speeches and excerpts from his speeches and interviews have been included in the book. It also speaks the story of founding of Jadavpur University and his work as Union Minister. The book was researched and written by Dr. Indira Chowdhury (a student and then a teacher at Jadavpur University) of Srishti's Centre for Public History, Arch Srishti and designed by Kena. It is available at National Council of Education, Bengal.

NCE, Bengal has also created an Archive of Dr. Triguna Sen with a photo gallery and display of his papers, photo albums, tapes, writings and interviews etc. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Council building.

### BARSHA UTSAV

**Barsha Utsav**, organized by the Social sub-committee, was celebrated on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium and in alumni building. It was 14<sup>th</sup> of its kind in succession. About 125 participants including alumni/alumnae, their spouses, friends, children joined the occasion with high spirit. Programme started at 10.30 a.m. when a light refreshment was served with '*Pneyaji*' and Tea. There was about 125 participants which include alumnus, their spouses and friends. The highlight of the day was an excellent performance by the students of NSS who are member of our EWYL team also. That includes songs, dance, yogasana, mime, 6-member music concert and one-act play titled "*Pan-ka-Kaama*". The audience at Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium was mesmerized by their ardent expression. Then all were prepared to have a gala lunch with *Khichuri*, *Beguni*, *Machh Bhaja (Rohu)*. Special menu for lunch was *Ilish Machh Bhaja* that was sponsored by Kanailal Pal '71 Ch E.



Post lunch session was variety cultural programme by our alumni members. The special attraction of the day was presence of Amiya Kr. Chatterjee'35 EE, who at the age of over 104 years spoke on the genesis of Alumni association and gladly expressed his satisfaction on its functioning. Programme ended happily at 5.00 p.m. after having a cup of tea.

### EARN WHILE YOU LEARN (EWYL) SUB-COMMITTEE

In this month weekly cleaning awareness programme was held on every Wednesday at 4 p.m. along with alumni members in collaboration with NSS, Jadavpur University. Students had carried out cleaning operation in the campus of the university and also initiated the activity of identifying various trees and plants inside, by their Botanical name as well as Common name. Next action would be to fix up a name plate inscribing therein both the names for easy identification of the trees/plants.

Students of EWYL together with sub-committee members visited Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to attend the State award function, when five students of EWYL work-force were felicitated.

EWYL work-force also took part in a cultural programme of *Barsha Utsav* arranged by Social sub-committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium of our alumni building. This team performed songs, dance, yogasana, mime, 6-member music concert and a drama titled "*Pan-ka-Kaamal*". The excellent cultural programme, during pre-lunch session of Barsha Utsav, was enjoyed by every audience. A few photographs of the team and their performance are attached.



## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

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Activities undertaken:

- One of the key thrust areas for this year is to Connect and Communicate with most of the members and get their support and participation to enrich the activities of the Alumni Association. Having reviewed our electronic data of membership register, missing information found on e-mail address, cell phone number and complete postal address against large number of our alumni/alumnae. We have e-mailed to around 2000 members whose e-mail addresses are with us with an attachment of list of such *unreachable members*, with a request to check and help us to connect if they are in touch with any one of them.
- While checking our membership register we noticed that there is a need to update the status of members who are passed away. Initiatives have been taken to go through the minutes of the AGM & EC meetings to update the same.
- As a special drive to increase our current strong base of more than 4900 members with branches across the world we have started sending e-mails to our connected world. Action plan has been drawn to get list of *Old Jadavpurians* from different sources like Departmental Alumni meet data, Institute data etc. We are inviting them all to join the Alumni Association and take part in building a vibrant organisation delivering positive contribution to Social & Philanthropic activities.

## BUDHER ADDA

Budher adda is held on every Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of the Association. This month also adda was attended by a good number of Alumni members. In one Budher adda Shri Dhiraj Mitra '62 EE and Shri Swapan Naskar '79 GEO enlightened the participants on various aspects of religion from its very origin in general. Other participants also expressed their views on this topic. It was an interactive and interesting session.

In another Budher adda, views were exchanged among the participants in context to pros and cons of admission procedure and criteria in some disciplines of our Arts College which of late became a major point of controversy between University Authority and some professors/students.

Most of the time however was devoted to pure adda, the basic binding force and key attraction to many of us who are regularly attending it. As we know, adda can't exist without '*pet-pujo*', some snacks and *chai were arranged*. Everyone enjoyed the session over *singara*, cakes and tea, cost of which are borne by the members present, on contributory basis. All members are invited to join Budher adda in order to make it more meaningful.

## SHANIBAARER ASAR

This month Shanibaarer Asar was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 4.30 P.M. in our Meeting Hall. The *asar* was dedicated to the memory of Dwijendralal Roy, Rajanikanta Sen, Nirmalendu Chowdhury, Mukesh and Kamal Dasgupta, the singers-composers – all of them were born in July. Members, their family and friends in good number participated and attended the *asar*. At the beginning of the function there was a short speech by Prabir Choudhury '72 EE, Chairman-Cultural sub-committee followed by excellent anchoring by Mahasweta Ganguly '72 Beng., Convener of the sub-committee. It was an evening of wonderful rendition of immortal songs of all these renowned poets, musician, singer, composer who were born in this month.

Ashutosh Deb '59 ME, a direct disciple of Nirmalendu Chowdhury, informed the gathering that a music team of Jadavpur University, where he was also one of the members, had participated in the All India Inter University "Youth Music Festival" held in Delhi in 1958 when they secured First Position! This team was trained and directed under the guidance of Nirmalendu Chowdhury. It was a very enjoyable evening. Alumni association provides the refreshments served.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members had enrolled their names during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018:

Mr. Sujan	Majumdar	1968	Elect Engg
Ms. Ruma	Chaudhuri (Chakrabarti)	1981	History
Ms. Bani	Mitra	1966	Int. Rel.
Mr. Subhas Ranjan	Adhikary	1973	MechEngg
Mr. Rathin	Saha	1969	Civil Engg
Mr. Biplab	Barman	2008	PGDYT
Mr. Sunit Kumar	Sen	1978	Elect Engg

## DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018 to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Sunburst Systems Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-	Student Assistance
Sanjayendu Bikash Gope '90 Ch.E	Rs. 6,000/-	Student Assistance
Nilanjan Bhadury '98 Comp. Sc.	Rs. 50,000/-	Student Assistance
Sunburst Systems Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-	Student Assistance
JUAA-SOCAL	\$ 4000	Student Assistance

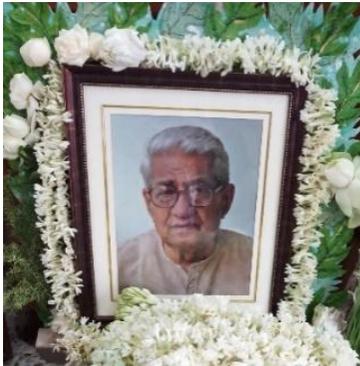
## NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	Mokshoda Memorial Lecture on "Bharate Swadhinota Sangramer Suchona O Sree Arobinda"	Shri Bishwajit Gangopadhyay
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	Shankari Prasad Bandopadhyay Memorial Lecture on "Derozio O Tnaar Sujagyo Shishyodaler Satyanusandhan"	Prof. Surjo Bandopadhyay
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	Monjula Biswas Memorial Lecture on "Poribajok Vivekananda: Sanyaseer Soundarjodarshan"	Prof.Sreemanti Choudhury
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018	Supreeti Sanyal Memorial Lecture on "Samajik Abakshayer Nana Maatra: Songbadpatrer Bhumika"	Shri Amal Chattopadhyay
	Kartik Chandra Basu Memorial Lecture on "Songbadpatro, Sangbadik O Pathak"	Shri Arup Basu

## **Got a minute?**

- ❖ I recently got crushed by a pile of books, but I suppose I have only got my shelf to blame.
- ❖ I was overcharged for Velcro last week. What a rip off!

## CONDOLENCES



Girija Bhusan Pal '48 ME passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Prof. G. B. Pal who battled with illness for the last few years of his life retired as a Professor in the Mechanical Engineering department of our university. He was of a very amiable and likeable disposition and very popular with both the students and his peers. He involved himself actively with the students in the annual technical exhibition which used to be held in his early years and also notably as an honorary officer in the NCC where he held the rank of Major in the 8th Bengal Engineers unit. He endeared himself to the cadets by accompanying them to the annual camps held usually in Allahabad, Jhansi and Roorki by personally organizing and accompanying special excursions during the camps.

Tapan Bagchi '75 EE passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

He was a talented student and being an active member of the Cine club and the Photography club of the university he was involved in various extra-curricular activities,. He acquired certificate of photography from Photographic Association of Dumdum (Benu Sen's Academy). He was an active N.C.C cadet of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bengal Air Squadron. He possessed many prizes: Winner of Virendra Singh trophy (All India Best in aeromodelling) in all India Vayu Sena Camp Srinagar in 1972; Winner of Tandon trophy in aeromodelling from all India Vayu Sena Camp, Pathankot in 1973; Received Barma Shell Trophy from Indira Gandhi, our earlier Prime Minister, on the Republic Day in 1973 for the best aeromodelling squadron..



We offer our deepest condolences to their family for the bereavement.

***“As leaders of the society we should not honour those who have amassed money by black-marketing or other questionable means, we should openly decry who are immoral so that the students may learn that there is no shortcut to success and that success cannot be reaped by dubious or invidious means”***

***- Triguna Sen***