



# ALUMNI NEWS

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**March** is a month when in Kolkata the length of the day increases gradually. Muggy weather starts making us sweaty and uncomfortable. This year the festival of Holi was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> March when people smear each other with coloured powders to celebrate the arrival of Spring! We celebrated "Basanta Utsab" on 18<sup>th</sup> March'18 in our Alumni building.

On 14<sup>th</sup> March'18 we had lost the renowned theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking who passed away at his home in Cambridge, England at the age of 76. He was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). Stephen Hawking was one of the history's most distinguished Thinkers and was renowned as one of the most brilliant minds of his time.

## **BASANTA UTSAB**

'*Basanta Utsab*', the function to celebrate the arrival of spring was arranged by the Social sub-committee on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This programme is the second of its kind which started last year only. The venue of the programme was the meeting hall and the adjacent seminar room of alumni building where the members with their family and friends assembled around 10.30 A.M. Total heads assembled were more than 50 in numbers, most of whom participated impromptu in various performances of their individual likings like recitation, songs, music, narration, dance, etc. The effects created by the grand cultural function and smearing each other with coloured powder in the meeting hall, which otherwise was a place of discussion, wore a bright look of cheerfulness. Arrangement of luncheon was made at the roof-top. Food with a delicious taste was served that was enjoyed by everyone.

A token charge of Rs.350/- per head was applicable in attending the function.

The day full of enjoyment ended when evening tea was served.

(acknowledgement Dr. Sumit Chakrabarty '99 Pharm)

## **SEMINAR ON SECURITY & PRIVACY ISSUES OF DIGITAL PAYMENT SYSTEMS**

A Seminar entitled ""Security & Privacy Issues of Digital Payment System"" was arranged on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (Wednesday) in the Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. The seminar began with the welcome address by the President of our Association, Sri Subodh Bhattacharyya. In his speech the President elaborated on the manifold activities of Alumni Association and the necessity of arranging such seminars on relevant issues. The Chairman of Memorial and Seminar sub-committee Sri Ashutosh Deb also emphasized on the relevance of discussing contemporary issues like security & privacy practices. In the Technical Session there were three speakers namely Mr Amitava Roy Choudhuri, Former GM (IT) UBI, Prof. Chandan Mazumdar, Dept. of Computer Sc&Engg, JU and Mr. Mausam Manohar, Zonal Manager-East, FCPG - Investigations. Mr Amitava Roy Choudhuri spoke on different methods of digital Payment, Prof. Chandan Mazumdar delivered his lecture on security and privacy issues of digital payment modes whereas Mr. Mausam Manohar spoke on handling of fraud cases in digital payment modes. The session was chaired by Mr. Prabir Choudhury, Secretary, Alumni Association. Before passing on to the interactive session, all the three speakers were felicitated with mementoes and flower bouquets. There was little time for the question-answer session; however, the topics covered in the seminar were much appreciated by the audience.

(acknowledgement Dr. Sumit Chakrabarty '99 Pharm)

## **CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

- **Information & Communication Sub-Committee**

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

All upcoming events and notices/circulars including monthly newsletter of February,2018 were uploaded. Life members enrolled till mid-March,2018 were updated in Master File and uploaded in Membership Directory of Website.

The newly procured Overhead Projector, financed by the Sydney Chapter, is performing quite satisfactorily. It is kept under custody of office administration and will be handled/operated by a few select Members for safe handling and storage.

- **Chapter Co-ordination:**

Sri Ranjit Chakraborty, '61ChE of California Chapter visited our alumni office on 3<sup>rd</sup>March,2018 and discussed his plans for establishing a World Wide Global Fund. A number of members as well as our President and Secretary attended this Meeting. Sri Chakraborty along with Sri Apurba Mukherjee will take this initiative forward in conjunction with our Association .

- **Task Force for Constitution Amendment**

As mentioned in previous month's Newsletter, the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on 7<sup>th</sup>March, 2018 when 51 Life Members attended.. The amended Regulations, (duly approved in Executive Committee Meeting) were displayed on a screen through overhead projector. After discussions and a few minor changes, the same was unanimously accepted. In pursuant of Rule 9 of The West Bengal Societies Registration Rules,1963, the amended regulations along with the Minutes of the EGM , will be sent to The Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-trading Corporations, The Registrar of Societies, Government of West Bengal in Form IV for approval.

### **NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Sri Kalyan Das, '63 ChE, has been nominated for the position of Election Officer. Election for selection of office bearers as well as for executive committee members (against those who will be retiring/expired) will be held on the day of AGM. The Nomination Forms will be issued w.e.f. 9<sup>th</sup>April, 2018 from the Office of Alumni Association. Notices will also be uploaded in Website.

(acknowledgement Shri Kalyan Das '63 Ch E)

### **EWYL (EARN WHILE YOU LEARN)**

Besides the regular cleaning operation within the University campus, a blood donation camp was organized by EWYL team together with the JU-NSS on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Overwhelming number of students of different department of the university responded enthusiastically.

(acknowledgement Sm. Dipti De '72 Sans)

### **BUDHER AADDAA**

Budher Aadda is held every Wednesday at 5.30PM in the Meeting Hall of the Association. Various interesting contemporary topics are discussed within a specific time-slot other than normal aadda over singara, cakes and tea. All members are invited to join Budher Aadda and make it more meaningful.

## SHANIBAARER AASAR

This month Shanibaarer Aasar was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 5.00 P.M. in our Meeting Hall. There was no special theme planned for the day. Quite a good number of alumni members participated in the event. A few of the members participated impromptu in various performances like songs, recitation etc. which were immensely enjoyed by the others. It was a very enjoyable session.



**Snippets of Shanibarer Ashar on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

(acknowledgement Sm.Barnali Kar '91MEE)

## NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members had enrolled their names during the period Feb 2018 to Mar 2018:

Ms	Satyaban	Sen	1969	ElecEngg
Mr	Debabrata	Das	1965	MechEngg
Mr	Manojit	Mandal	2018	Ph.D (Arts)
Ms	Sujit	Nath	2001	MechEngg
Mr	Manikanta	Paria	2012	Ph.D(Edu)
Mr	Adhyatma	Roy	2014	Lib. Sc.
Ms	Paramita	Bhattacharya	2013	Lib. Sc.
Ms	Chandra	Dutta	1976	MA (Eng)

## DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period Feb 2018 to Mar 2018 are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
NikhileshMukhopadhyay	Rs.5,000/-	Student Assistance
IIM Calcutta	Rs. 25,000/-	Student Assistance
Sunburst Systems Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-	Student Assistance

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Memorial & Seminar sub-committee of Alumni association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce Prof.Gopal Chandra Sen Memorial lecture on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>April 2018 at 5.30 P.M. in Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium on “Managing Changes in Power Sector: Human Resources Aspect” by Mr.Gautam Ray, Executive Director (HR &Adm), CESC Ltd.; followed by Musical Programme by Senior Alumnus of the Association.
- Social sub-committee of Alumni association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce the programme of *Barsho Baron* to be held on 20<sup>th</sup>April 2018 in Dr.Triguna Sen auditorium.

## **CONDOLENCE**

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our member Sri Kashinath Jana '71 EE, who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. We offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

## **NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Speaker</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2018	Binay Kumar Sarkar Memorial Lecture on “SaptadashShatokeFaraasiDarshon”	Prof.ChinmayGuha
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018	Atulchandra Das O Mrinalinee Das Memorial Lecture on “Bibarton, Poribarton, Sabhyata”	Dr.Pramathranjan Bhattacharya
15 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018	SatindranathChakraborty Memorial Lecture on “BikalpaPratinidhitwamulakGanatantrer Sandhaan”	Prof.Suswagata Bandopadhyay
22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018	Durga BanerjeeMemorial Lecture on “Bijnane Jar ByakhyaMeleni” Anjali Bandopadhyay Memorial Lecture on J. B. S. Holden : EkMahajibon	Shri Shyamal Datta Chowdhuri Prof.Gourishankar Roy Chowdhuri
29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2018	MahamahopadhyayGopinathKobiraj Memorial Lectureon “Hindu Dharmo O BouddhaDharmo”  Saroj Kumar Das Memorial Lecture on “JainoDharmeNeetishastra”	Prof.DilipMohanta  Prof.Arun Kumar Mukherjee

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

## 112<sup>th</sup> FOUNDATION DAY OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION, BENGAL

The foundation day of National Council of Education, Bengal was celebrated on March 11, 2018 as a joint venture by NCE Bengal and Jadavpur University. Prof Ananda Deb Mukherjee, General Secretary of NCE, Bengal hoisted the flag at the NCE compound at 10 A.M. The anniversary conference started at 4 P.M. The Chief Guest was the Honourable Governor of Tripura, Prof Tathagata Roy (ex-professor of Jadavpur University). Prof Siddhartha Dutta ('77 Chem Engg) Ex Pro-VC of Jadavpur University, was the special chief guest. The President of NCE Bengal, Prof Sati Chatterjee presided over the programme. Our senior most alumni Prof A K Chatterjee ('35 EE) also attended the programme. Prof Ashok Mukherjee and Sri Himendu Biswas were felicitated with the prestigious fellowship of NCE at the programme.



(acknowledgement: Sm. Sipra Patra '77 Eng.)

### Got a minute?

Two little boys stole a big bag of oranges from a neighbour and decided to go to a quiet place to share the lot equally. They decided to go inside the nearby cemetery and while jumping over the gate to enter inside, two oranges fell out of the bag. They didn't bother to pick them up since they had enough in the bag.

Few minutes later, a drunkard on his way from a bar, passed near the cemetery gate and heard a voice saying "One for me, one for you, one for me, one for you".

He immediately sobered up and ran as fast as he could to a Church nearby, for the priest.

"Father, please come with me. Come and witness God and Satan sharing corpses at the cemetery".

They both ran back to the cemetery gate and the voice continued "One for me, one for you...one for me, one for you". Suddenly, the voice stopped counting and said, "What about the two at the gate? Let's get them".

You should see the sprint. The priest ran past the Church gate shouting, "We are not dead yet....oohhh"

***"However difficult life may seem,  
there is always something you can  
do and succeed at. It matters that  
you don't just give up."***

***-Stephen Hawking***