



ALUMNI NEWS

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The month of October is the most vibrant time when everyone is in a festive mood. The sweet fragrance of *shiliphool*, the vast stretches of *kaashphool* gently swaying in the breeze, the true blue autumnal sky with clusters of spongy white clouds in the bright sunlight set the mood for **Durga Puja**. We are no exception to enjoy the spirit of the foot tapping drum beats of the *dhakis*. The spirit of Puja goes far beyond religion and ritual worship. In fact Durga Puja today, as we know, is the largest outdoor art festival on earth.

After this, in a tradition called *Bijaya Dashami*, families and friends visit each other when sweetmeats are offered to visitors. We, the JU alumni/alumnae, also celebrated **Bijaya Sammilani**.

AN INTERACTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY

The President, Sri Subodh Bhattacharyya along with the main office bearers of our Association paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. Suranjan Das and the Registrar, Dr. Pradip Kumar Ghosh on 27th October, 2016.

The VC expressed keen interest on our activities such as the Social and Cultural programmes, the Memorial and Seminar lectures, the installation of the Roof Top Solar Panels, the Earn While You Learn scheme, etc. He was particularly impressed with our Students Assistance Scheme whereby around Rs 40- 45 lakhs are disbursed through our Association to deserving students of JU every year. **He requested for a write-up on it to publicise it to various bodies.**

Concern was expressed by him on the upkeep of the Guest Rooms.

He was informed that the main earning of Association to meet our administrative expenses is derived from the rental fees of the Triguna Sen's Auditorium.

The VC accepted our invitation to attend the formal inauguration ceremony of the solar panels, the presentation ceremony for the Higher Amounts to the students and the Annual Drama but regretted his inability to come for the All Day Social as he would be out of station on that day.

The VC mentioned that he has opened a dialogue for formation of a Triguna Sen's Chair at Jadavpur University with the appropriate authorities in New Delhi. The Registrar mentioned about his interaction with Alumni Association, Bombay Chapter recently.

He suggested that representatives of the Chapters could meet the VC at appropriate times to foster better understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENT

During the EC Meeting held in September 2016 a resolution was passed that **The News Bulletin which has been published biannually in November and March will henceforth be published only once a year in March prior to the AGM and will distributed as a hard copy as well as electronically.** This matter was missed out in our September Newsletter for which we express our regrets.

SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Bijaya Sammilani was organized by Social Sub-committee of Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium on Thursday 20th October 2016 at 5.00 P.M. when all the members together with their families and friends were invited. A cultural programme was held in which Alumni members presented songs, recitation, narration, etc. It evoked a fascinating response from the members resulting in a very enjoyable evening. Tea and refreshments were distributed to everyone at the end of the function.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND AWARDS PROGRAMME (2016 – 2017)

383 fresh applicants have been interviewed between 19th and 22nd September 2016. The results were compiled for selecting 122 AEI (Anant Education Initiative) scholars and 110 normal and 40 higher category awardees. These students are being placed with available endowment funds and yearly contributions from the donors, in keeping with the donors' stipulations as far as possible. The renewal list of 357 (128 AEI scholars and 158 normal and 71 higher category) students from the previous year was also finalised. Thus a total of 629 students will receive the final assistance for the academic year 2016-17. The list of students selected for receiving support from AEI has been sent to AEI for opening bank accounts for them. Award ceremonies are scheduled to be held on **16th November for Higher, 21st November for Normal and 22nd November for AEI awardees.**

The process for the award of merit medals of toppers of the various departments for academic year 2015-16 has been initiated. Presentation of the medals will be made some time in early 2017.

EWYL (EARN WHILE YOU LEARN)

EWYL Sub-Committee undertook the activity of clean up of the open area of University Campus. Admission of fresh students this year continued up to end August which resulted in delay in initiation of the work by EWYL team. To recruit work force for the purpose, an interview was conducted on 14th Sept.2016 by EWYL team jointly with NSS (National Service Scheme) team of JU. A total of 100 students were selected out of which 70 students were considered to be the frontline workforce while the rest were kept in reserve. Subsequently necessary cleaning equipment like brooms, baskets, etc. and also safety and protection items like work clothes, hand gloves, face mask, etc were procured. Then, just after the Puja holidays, the first phase of work was done on Friday 21st October 2016 when fifty one students participated in the cleaning operation of the campus; second phase of similar work was carried out on Wednesday 26th October 2016 when forty nine (49) students took part.

Such work will be carried out periodically henceforth under the supervision of the EWYL Sub-Committee and NSS. **Many of these students do not have proper foot wear and donations are solicited from members for procurement of gum boots.**



THE EWYL SUPERVISING TEAM OF ALUMNI AND NSS



THE TASK FORCE

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

You must be aware that an **updated dynamic Website** www.hqalumnuju.org.in has already been launched on 4th September 2016.

Members are requested to visit the site, and put forward their suggestions towards improvement to Mr. Kalyan Kr. Das, Chairman, Information & Communication Sub-Committee, email address kkdratna@gmail.com. Such feedback would be extremely desirable towards enhancing the effectiveness of the Website. The Sub-Committee has also embarked on the mammoth task of compiling an updated list with contact details of our current membership status and therefore inputs from our member are very vital.

BUDHER AADDA

Budher Aadda is held on every Wednesday at 5.30PM at the Meeting Hall of the Association. Budhbarer Adda resumed in full swing after Puja holidays. In the first meet on 19 th October, the attendees were requested to narrate how they had enjoyed the pujas. It was a very interesting session and most of the participants contributed to this lively discussion. In the second meet on 26th October, an attempt was made to sum up precautions against ATM/Debit card frauds, very common nowadays with warning by media and TV. With support from the participants, a list was prepared and circulated to the members having email address by Sri Bijan Bandyopadhyay '65 ME.



THE ADDHA IN FULL SWING

SHANIBAARER AASAR

Shanibaarer Aasar which is held on the last Saturday of every month could not be held this month because the day 29th October 2016 coincided with **Kali Puja**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Programme Lecture :

Prof. Hiralal Roy Memorial Lecture will be held on **Saturday 12th November 2016 at 5.00 PM** at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium of the Association. The speaker will be Prof. Chittabrata Palit, Director of Institute of Historical Studies in Kolkata. The topic of the lecture is "HIRALAL ROY AND NATIONAL EDUCATION".

Cultural Programme :

A comedy drama "Jai Maa Kali Boarding", written by Shailesh Dey and directed by Sri Jatin Rudra '63 CIVIL, Chairman, Cultural Sub-Committee will be staged on Saturday 19th November 2016 at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium at 6.00 P.M. The cast of the drama will be all from our alumni members. Our Cultural Sub-Committee requests members to join this popular function with their family and friends.

Students Assistance Presentation Ceremonies

Award for Higher Amounts: 16th November 2016 from 5 PM

Award for Normal Amounts: 21st November from 5 PM

Award for Anant Education Initiative: 22nd November 2016 from 5 PM

Buddher Adda and Shanibarar Ashar will be held as usual in November on every Wednesday and on Saturday 26th November respectively.

All Day Social :

All Day Social will be held on **Sunday 25th December 2016** at Jadavpur University ground from 10.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M. The fun-filled day will start with breakfast in the morning at 10.00 A.M. Interesting activities like sports will follow next. Subsequently various performances of songs, recitation, narration, etc. will be conducted by the members. After the lunch session Housie Game will be played the afternoon ending with a cup of hot coffee.

NRI and out-station members will be given a time slot to address members during the gathering.

A nominal fee of Rs. 450/- per head will be applicable. This amount will hold good for those registering and paying the amount by 24th December 2016 up to 7.00 P.M.

Beyond this time limit, the applicable fees will be enhanced to Rs.600/- per head.

The Social Sub-Committee acknowledges that this day coincides with Christmas, but urges all members to attend with family and friends in large numbers to make it a success.

NEW MEMBERS

The Association welcomes the following new Life-members who had enrolled their names during Sep 2016 to Oct 2016 :

Mr	Amit Kumar	Aditya	1983	ETC Engg
Mr	Rabi Kumar	Saha	1978	ETC Engg
Mr	Diptendu	Dutta	1986	CEC
Mr	Rupak	Biswas	1972	Elect Engg

NEWS FROM BRANCH/CHAPTER

- JU Alumni UK Chapter members held their AGM followed by a gala Dinner on 11th Sept. 2016 at Indian YMCA Hall, their usual venue. It was a big success with a huge gathering. A new committee was formed under the leadership of Sunith Lahiri, '72 EE, as Chairman.

Since last year UK chapter has been organising a special annual cultural programme. This Year, it was staged on 1st Oct. 2016 at Rudolf Steiner House & Theatre, London. The theme "Navaratri Durga" was presented by the group "Chhandam" together with their alumni members. It was quite an enjoyable evening!

Their official website link - <http://www.jualumniuk.org/>

- JU Alumni Singapore Chapter will arrange for a Panel Discussion on STARTUP on 10th November 2016 evening at Singapore Raffles Place; details are given in their website link <http://www.jualumnisingapore.com/>. One of the three notable speakers will be Rakesh Malhotra, JU Alumnus '83 ETCE.

ON RECORD

The review of musical programme, "Swarnajuger Gaan" organised by Cultural Sub-Committee held on 23rd Sept. 2016, was published in the "The Statesman – Binodan" dated 29th Oct. 2016.

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker & Performer</u>
13 th Nov 2016	Binodbihari Roy Memorial Lecture On "Andhokare Mukh Dhaakenni Rabindranath"	Sri Pankaj Saha and Sm Iman Chakrabarty
20th Nov 2016 Bhattacharya	Sree Aurobindo Memorial Lecture	Prof Supriya

27th Nov 2016

on "Theory of Existence" by Sree
Aurobindo

Durgadas Basu Memorial Lecture
on "Bharateeya Sangbidhaner
Yuktoraashtriyo Kaatham O Kendra-Rajya
Samparko"

Saratchandra Sengupta Memorial Lecture Sree Sameendranath
on "Bodhu Nirjaton –Samasyar Samadhaan Sanyal
Samman"

Justice Murarimohon
Ghosh

Got a minute?

Abhijit Datta ('75 ETCE)

John and David were both patients in a Mental Hospital. One day, while they were walking together, they passed the hospital swimming pool and John suddenly dived into the deep end. He sank to the bottom and stayed there. David promptly jumped in and saved him, swimming to the bottom of the pool and pulling John out. The medical director came to know of David's heroic act. He immediately ordered that David be discharged from the hospital as he now considered him to be OK. The doctor said, "David, we have good news and bad news for you! The good news is that we are going to discharge you because you have regained your sanity. Since you were able to jump in and save another patient, you must be mentally stable. The bad news is that the patient that you saved hung himself in the bathroom and died after all." David replied, "Doctor, John didn't hang himself. I hung him there to dry."

*Take Risks In Your Life
If You Win, You Can Lead!
If You Lose, You Can Guide!*

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA