



Alumni Association NCE Bengal and Jadavpur University - Kolkata-700032

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ALUMNI NEWS

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Month of December is a time when Kolkatans enjoy winter with “Burra Din”, Plum cake, end of year festivities and the inevitable “Manki Kap” This December brought us an exceptionally long cold spell which was a big relief to many of us but with some health issues – especially for some seniors. This time, no doubt, winter garments are being fully utilised for the purpose. Let us hope the chill spell continues further.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION CORNER

We request our alumni/alumnae to go through our last Newsletter, circulated in 1st week of December '18. Our wishes to do something permanent for the society, University and the students was expressed. We are working on the expenditure and cost-benefits of those proposals mentioned.

Additionally, a few publications, like Centenary / Souvenir volume, videos of illustrious alumni are to be made.

Implementation of all such projects and publications will depend on the resources we get. Tentatively, a fund of INR 2 Cores is targeted.

Alumni Association request your involvement, support and suggestions in this respect.

PLEASE COME FORWARD TO LEAVE SOME IMPRINTS TO MAKE THE CENTENARY REMARKABLE DURING JAN 2020 – JAN 2021.

BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

For INR, in United Bank of India, Jadavpur Vidyapith Branch.

**SB A/c No. 1517010012564, IFSC UTIBIOJDVF51,
and**

**For foreign money, A/c in State Bank of India, J.U.Br. A/c No. 33643042253,
Swift Code SBIN0000093, Branch Code 93 is operative.**

A/c. Name in both: Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU.

‘Centenary’ is required to be mentioned in contribution.

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY ANNUAL CONVOCATION

As in previous years, University invited the alumni/alumnae through the Alumni Association to attend the Convocation on 24th December 2018 held at the University Open Air Theatre in the Main Campus. Introduction of the Chancellor Shri K N Tripathi, the Governor of West Bengal, to the alumni/alumnae who stood in line, was done while the Ceremonial Procession was entering the pandal. Procession of alumni/alumnae followed.

The Convocation was preceded by a Special Convocation when the Chancellor conferred the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Prof. Kaushik Basu, Professor of Economics and C. Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University, USA and Former Chief Economist of the World Bank & Chief Economic Advisor to the Govt. of India.

Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) was conferred on Prof. Dipankar Chatterji and Dr. Mammen Chandy. In his address, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Suranjan Das, has put on record the following as quoted below:

“The Alumni Support.

Our alumni have been the institution’s best ambassadors and most loyal supporters. I am happy to record the continuing help the University receives from the Alumni Association to ensure the implementation of the principles of equity and justice in respect of the student community. During the



academic year 2018-19 the Alumni Association provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 48 lakhs to 525 students. A Global Jadavpur University Alumni foundation is in the process of being registered in the USA to arrange financial assistance to our students going overseas for further studies. The Association is also preparing a plan to network with local industries to help our students in securing employments. The University looks forward to receiving further help and guidance from its alumni and the National Council of Education to safeguard its onward march towards new heights of excellence. In this connection it needs to be mentioned that without the financial support of the Alumni Association, the Alumni Chapters and individual alumnae it would not have been possible for the University to raise the rupees one crore application fee for the status of Institution of Eminence. We remain grateful to our ex-students for this support” Alumni Association is glad for the acknowledgement.

ANNUAL ALUMNI REUNION (Previously called ALL DAY SOCIAL)

The gala programme, organised by Social Subcommittee was held at JU ground and Alumni Building on 30th December 2018, the last Sunday of the year. All the members with their family and friends were welcomed. Breakfast was served with *luchi*, *aloo dum*, *moya* and tea. The programme got a real boost after the breakfast.

Sports events started with walking race for men above 75 years. This was followed by 100 M walking race by men and women up to 50 years, walking race for age group 60 to 74 years (men). Subsequent to this were ‘passing the pillow’ game and ‘musical chair’ (open to all). The sports events were a great source of fun and enjoyment to all.

Thereafter everyone assembled in Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium for watching a show with video and still pictures “UNCANNY BEAUTIES OF ICE LAND AND LAPLAND – VISIT TO EITHER SIDE OF ARCTIC CIRCLE” presented by Bijan Bandyopadhyay (‘65 Mech E). Photos were captured during his visit to Iceland and some areas of Norway and Sweden above arctic circle. Video of natural geyser sprouting about 30 M, boat ride on glacial lake as also still pictures of Aurora Borealis (Northern light) was enjoyed by all. This was followed by sharing the views of members of other chapters in India and abroad. In the meantime it was lunch time when it was served at the roof top of alumni building.

Post lunch session was again in the auditorium cultural programme with impromptu songs and recitation by the members and ended with ‘**antakshari**’.

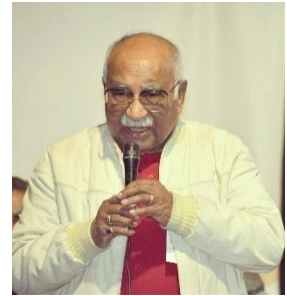
While the day was coming to an end it was time to try our luck through lottery – this created lots of excitement. The lucky few had a broad smile. The day ended with a cup of hot tea. A few snaps are given here.



STUDENTS ASSISTANCE AND AWARD SUBCOMMITTEE

Preparations are being made for the distribution of merit medals for the class toppers during academic year 2017-18. Medals have been ordered, but some details on the toppers are awaited from the Controller of Examinations, JU. The ceremony is expected to be held in early February 2019.

Q2 stipends have been disbursed barring to 5 students waiting for explanation in respect of their absence during the award ceremony. One of the donors, Mr. Ramendranath Chakrabarty ('54 Mech E) from the San Francisco, who has an endowment for the Student Assistance Programme, visited the Alumni Association on the Reunion Day (All Day Social) on the 30th December 2018.



Ramendranath Chakrabarty

CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION (CCIC) SUB-

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Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Website: www.hqalumniyu.org.in

Status of Web site

- All upcoming Events including Notice of Annual Re-Union 2018, Flyer of New Year's Greetings 2019 and Monthly News of November 2018 are duly uploaded.
- All the new Life Members enrolled till December 2018 are entered in Database of Membership Directory. Last Life Membership No. entered in Data Base is 4918.
- Annual Order has been placed on Service Provider for Routine uploading of matters in our Website.

Chapter Co-ordination

- We were delighted to have some distinguished Alumni Members coming from other Chapters of India & Overseas to participate on Annual Reunion Day held on Sunday, the 30th Dec. 2018. They were Ramendranath Chakrabarty ('54 Mech.E) from San Francisco, Anil Chakraverti ('61 Mech E) from Atlanta, Ardhendu Raha ('62 Mech E) from Freemont, Sanjay Chanda ('65 Mech E) from Delhi, Jahar Bhattacharya ('66 Mech E) from New York, Pratul Bhattacharya ('67 Elec. E) from Washington, Gorachand Chakrabarty ('67 Elec. E) from Mumbai, Siddhartha Sen Chowdhury ('69 Chem E) from London and Debasish Sanyal ('73 Chem E) from Korea. We arranged for a meeting in our Auditorium and introduced them with our Members. Some of them spoke about the activities of their Chapters. However a few Members of other Chapters were not available for this meeting due to pre-occupation. The group photograph alongside shows the gathering on the dais.
- JU Alumni Singapore Chapter will celebrate their Reunion on 19th Jan. 2019.
 - JU Alumni Mumbai branch will have their Annual picnic on 3rd Feb. 2019.



NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The following new Life-members had enrolled their names during 26th October'18 to 19th December'18.

Mr	Tapas	Chakraborty	2007	Comp. Sc. Eng.
Mr	Tariq Rezwan	Khan Chowdhury	2014	Econ
Dr	Gouri Sankar	Panda	2003	Ph.D (Chemistry)
Mr	Shankar	Das	1972	Electrical

DONATIONS RECEIVED

List of Donations from 26th October'18 to 19th December 2018

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Manjira & Rithika Putatunda	Rs. 25,000/-	Students Assistance
Ambarish Dasgupta	Rs. 25,000/-	Students Assistance
Ramkrishna Jaidayal Dalmia Shreevani Nyas	Rs. 1,30,000/-	Students Assistance
IIM Calcutta Alumni Association	Rs. 25,000/-	Students Assistance
Ratnabali Chakrabarti	Rs. 10,00,000/-	Student Assistance
Aniruddha Sengupta	Rs. 35,400/-	Student Assistance
Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown Trust	Rs. 13,650/-	Student Assistance
JUAA Hyderabad Chapter	Rs. 35,400/-	Student Assistance
Rajat Kumar Sen '67 EE	Rs. 16,000/-	Student Assistance
Team Raha Ideation Pvt. Ltd	Rs. 20,000/-	Student Assistance
Eco Crystal Pvt. Ltd	Rs. 15,600/-	Student Assistance
JUAA UAE Chapter	Rs. 55,600/-	Student Assistance
Mr. Ranjit Sengupta	Rs. 20,000/-	Student Assistance
Mrs. Sehini Sengupta	Rs. 20,000/-	Student Assistance

List of Donations received up to 19th December'18 for the Centenary Celebration (2020 – 2021)

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hirendra Kumar Ghosh ('61 Mech E)	Rs. 5,000/-
Sabyasachai Bose ('61 Chem E)	Rs. 5,000/-
Prabir Kumar Choudhury ('72 Elec E)	Rs. 1,000/-
Bires Biswas ('73 Pharm)	Rs. 5,000/-
Barnali Kar ('91 Elec PG)	Rs. 2,500/-
Bijan Bandyopadhyay ('65 Mech E)	Rs. 1,000/-

BUDHER ADDA

Winter chill and year end personal engagements, marriage invitation, etc affected the attendance in Budher Adda this month. Inspired by the Memorial lecture by Dr. Duari, the participants, disregarding their limited specialised knowledge on the subject discussed about space and related issue in one Budher Adda. In another, the origin and development of musical bands was the topic for discussion.. In both these discussions, Swapan Naskar ('79 Geo) took the lead and the other participants contributed effectively. .

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 participatory.

SHANIBAARER ASAR

The last Saturday of the month was 29th December'18, But with Reunion on last Sunday of the month i.e. on 30th, Shanibaber Asar had to be skipped for various preparatory work for Reunion on 30th December'18.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Alumni Association NCE Bengal & Jadavpur University will celebrate 99th Foundation Day on 8th January 2019 at 5.00 p.m. in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. In this event Alumni Association takes the pleasure to felicitate two senior alumni Jatindra Nath Rudra ('63 Civil E) and Amitabha Roy Choudhuri ('62 Elec E). The Felicitation programme will be followed by presentation of a Drama – “Shakunir Pasha” by Nandanik, Bardhaman.
- Dr. Triguna Sen Memorial programme will be held on 17th January 2019 at Green Zone of the University from 4.30 p.m. with Devotional song. Subsequent programme on Memorial Lecture will be held in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. Prof. Suman Chakraborty of Deptt of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur will deliver lecture on “Engineering Research: The Emerging way”. Programme will be ended with a cultural programme.

OBITUARY

Amiya Kumar Chatterjee ('35 Elect Engg) left for his heavenly abode on 4th January 2019. The Alumni Association conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

Amiya Kumar Chatterjee was born on 29th March, 1914, and was educated in the College of Engineering and Technology of the National Council of Education, Bengal. A brilliant and meritorious student, he obtained the AMEE in 1935 standing first in order of merit and securing the Ashoke Memorial Gold Medal and H. C. Guha Medal. Prof. Chatterjee was selected for the Watumull Foundation Scholarship for post graduate studies in U.S.A and did his M.S. from Cornell University in 1946 and Ph.D from the University of Illinois in 1948.

Prof. A. K. Chatterjee served his Alma Mater, NCE, as a member of the faculty for almost a decade just after graduation in 1935, teaching all subjects in Electrical Engineering. He carried out research as Special Research Assistant in the University of Illinois for a year, before joining the Birla Engineering College, Pilani in 1949, as Vice Principal and head of Electrical Engineering. Prof. Chatterjee, a man of vision, established the departments of Electrical and Electronic Communication Engineering in Pilani. Post Graduate studies and research in these disciplines were developed under his guidance. His sharpness and acumen in administrative ability caught the eyes of the authorities, who brought him to the Birla Institute of Technology, Meshra (BIT) as Principal and head of the research department in 1961. During his ten years tenure in BIT, he was the pioneer in developing the post graduate studies leading to MS and Ph.D in various branches of engineering including Space Engineering and Rocketry as well as postgraduate degrees in pure and applied sciences. Prof. Chatterjee served as Director in Charge of Small Industries Research & Development Organisation, Allahabad for six years till 1978.

Prof. Amiya Kumar Chatterjee, a person of the most extraordinarily diverse human qualities, contributed significantly for the growth of our Alumni Association of which he was elected President in 1988-89 and again in 1996-98. He was given *Life Time Achievement Award* by the Alumni Association NCE Bengal and JU for his valuable contributions for more than six decades towards the growth of engineering education and research in India.



NCE BENGAL MEMORIAL PROGRAMME



NCE Bengal organised Gopal Chandra Sen Memorial Programme on 30th Dec 2018. The programme started at 9.30 AM by garlanding at his '**Smritifalak**' inside university campus. This was followed by a musical program to pay our deepest regards and respect to the great personality. Secretary of JU Alumni Association also paid respect by offering floral tribute.



NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

Venue: IndumatiSabhagriha

Time: 5.00 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
6 th Jan 2019	Sudhir Chandra Ganguly, Khagendra Mohan Chakrabarty and Arun Kumar Gupta Memorial Lecture on "Bangabhanga Andolon O Bhabani Mandir"	Prof. Achinta Biswas
13 th Jan 2019	Acharya Satish Chandra Mukhopadhyay Memorial Lecture on "Bismritapraay Abismaraneeyo Ek Chhatra Aandolon" And Binay Kumar Sarkar Memorial Lecture on "Chhatra Aandolon: Sekal, Ekal"	Prof. Manabendra Nath Mitra
20 th Jan 2019	Gopal Chandra Sen Memorial Lecture on 1) "Bharater Swadhinata Sangraame Mahatma Gandhi: Saardhashato Barshe Phire Dekha" And 2) "Bharater Swadhinata Sangraame Azad Hind Sarkar: Platinum Jubilee Barshe Phire Dekha"	Prof. Pradeep Bhattacharya Prof. Shyamalesh Das
27 th Jan 2019	Bidhu Bhushan Roy Memorial Lecture on "Paramaanu Gabeshanaar Prayojoneeyota":	Prof. Purabi Roy Dr. Amit Roy

Got a minute?

- ❖ I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!
- ❖ I've been reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
- ❖ Never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm"

- Winston Churchill