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ALUMNI NEWS

JANUARY 2019



Month of January ushers the New Year with renewed hope and new resolutions. On this occasion we wish all our readers, a Happy, Eventful & Prosperous New Year 2019! Kolkata is really enjoyable during this time of the year. In our Alumni Association in Kolkata, New Year celebrations merged with our 99th Foundation Day celebration and thus we had a wonderful beginning of 2019.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION CORNER

In our last Newsletter, circulated in first week of January, 2019, Centenary Organising Committee (COC), conveyed a wish list of projects/actions to be put in place during the yearlong Centenary celebration from January 2020 through January 2021.

Additionally, a couple of warm-up programmes may also be planned in 2019.

Experienced persons directly associated with such project jobs do appraise that we need to act fast to materialise the wishes on time. Therefore, we would like to appeal to our alumni members again to mobilise/utilise all their contacts to reach funds to the specified bank accounts soon.

There was a typographical error in IFSC code of UBI in our last Newsletter and we regret for the inconvenience caused due to this. Please note the bank details as given below.

BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

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

SB A/c No. 1517010012564, IFSC UTBJOJDVF51,

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.

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

99th Foundation Day of Alumni association was celebrated in Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium on 8th January 2019. The programme started beautifully with a prayer from Rig Veda sung by Mahasweta Ganguly, Tanmoy Das, Samarendra Bandopadhyay, Jayasree Ghosh, Dipa Ray, Banani Sengupta and Barnali Kar. It was followed by lighting the ceremonial lamp by alumni President Hiren Kumar Ghosh ('61 MechE) and other senior members present. Thereafter two of our notable Alumni members and ex-Presidents, Jatin Rudra ('63 CivilE) and Amitabha Roychoudhuri ('62 ElecE) were felicitated on the occasion for their immense contribution towards the betterment of our Alumni Association. In the second half of the programme, a drama named "Shakunir Pasha" was staged by Nandanik, Bardhaman. All members present enjoyed the evening to the fullest. Added charm at the end was delicious fruit cake with coffee.



DR. TRIGUNA SEN MEMORIAL PROGRAMME

It was celebrated on 17th January 2019 from 4.30 p.m. onwards at the Green Zone in JU campus with devotional songs, garlanding the statue of Dr. Triguna Sen and offering floral tributes. Songs were rendered by Mahua Das, Gouri Dasgupta and Subha Mukhopadhyay. Next part of the programme consisted of the Memorial lecture on “*Engineering Research: The Emerging Way*” in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. The speaker was Prof. Suman Chakraborty (Bhatnagar Awardee) from Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur. He is also an alumnus of JU Mechanical Engg. Department, graduated in 1996. His lecture started with discussions on Dr. Sen’s visions in making Jadavpur University as the centre for inter-disciplinary research. Then he talked about the applications of Mechanical Engineering in Medical science, Environmental science, etc. with practical examples from his recent researches in IIT Kharagpur. The topic was very interesting to the mixed audience consisting of teachers, students and alumni members. Last part of the programme was a well-organised “Shruti-Natok” named “Ha-Ja-Ba-Ra-La” by the members of our alumni. A few photos of the function are given below.



STUDENTS ASSISTANCE AND AWARD SUBCOMMITTEE

Medal Award Ceremony for the class toppers would be held on 7th February 2019 at 5 p.m. in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. Dr. Satyaki Bhattacharya, Controller of Examinations, Jadavpur University, has consented to grace the occasion. Geography has been introduced by the science faculty recently, and toppers in this subject have also been included this year.

Arrangement is being made to disburse Q3 stipend to the students who were selected to receive financial help for the academic year 2018-19.

CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION (CCIC) SUBCOMMITTEE

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Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Website:www.hqalumniju.org.in

Status of Web site

- All upcoming Events including Notice for Celebration of Foundation Day on 8th January 2019 and Monthly News of December 2018 are duly uploaded.
- There are approx. 15 nos. of Alumni applied for new Life Membership. Their enrolments are awaiting approval in Executive Committee (EC) Meeting. Subject to approval by EC, their names will be entered in Data base of Membership Directory. Last Life Membership No. entered in Data Base remained at 4918.

Chapter Co-ordination

- JU alumni Mumbai Chapter organised a Seminar on “*Digital Revolution - Industry Disruption and Failure of Jobs*” on 12th Jan 2019. The seminar was a grand success and the participants were enthused with the topic discussed. There were very good interactions among the Speakers, Participants and Dignitaries. Prof. Suranjan Das, the Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Congratulations to Organising Committee for arranging such an useful Seminar
- Sri Sanjoy Sengupta ('90 ChemE), Hony. Secretary of JUAA Oman Chapter was awarded the Grand Masters title from Photographic Society of America (GMPSA). Sri Sengupta is the second Indian to be rewarded with this prestigious prize. JU alumni are proud of him and we congratulate him for the honour.
- Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Singapore Chapter organized its Annual Reunion on Saturday, January 19th 2019 at the idyllic settings of National Service Resort & Country Club, 10 Changi Coast Walk. The Reunion marked the beginning of the JUAAS events calendar with wake-up call of Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in April 2019. The super hit Re-Union witnessed a huge turnout of JUAAS Alumni and their families, bonding over high-octane action ala ‘Bowling, Karaoke, Quiz, Music, Dance’, over sumptuous food and drinks, sharing of anecdotes, speeches and vote of thanks. A joyous, nostalgia-dripping sentimental trip down memory lane with Alumni of Jadavpur University saw its manifestations with the whole-hearted participation, camaraderie, enthusiasm, enjoyment making it an ‘affair to remember’.



BUDHER ADDA

Only one of the Wednesdays in January'19 was a holiday and therefore hardcore *adda-lovers* had to remain satisfied with only three adda sessions in this month. The participants in last Budher adda started with some discussion on how to overcome mental depression due to loneliness - it continued for some time. However, ultimately cultural activities like songs, recitation, etc. took over to compensate for the lack of spirit of ‘*Shanibarar Asor*’ which was missing on last two consecutive months.

Everyone enjoyed the session over singara, cakes and tea, cost of which were borne by the members present, on contributory basis.

SHANIBAARER ASAR

Shanibarar Asor could not be organized this month too because the last Saturday, being the Republic Day, was a holiday.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Medal Award Ceremony for the class toppers would be held on 7th February 2019 at 5 p.m. in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.
- Annual picnic for the year 2019 to be held on Sunday, the 17th February 2019 at K.D.Mallick Garden near Sonarpur. Bus facility will be available from gate no. 3 of JU at 8.30 a.m. The subscription is Rs.500 per person. Please register your name at Alumni office by 14th February 2019 for ease of arrangements.
- Prof. Gopal Chandra Sen Memorial lecture will be held on Saturday, the 2nd March 2019 at 5.30 p.m. at Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium. The Speaker is Prof. Anupam Basu FNAE Director, National Institute of Technology, Durgapur & Professor (on lien) Dept. of Computer Science & Engg, IIT Kharagpur. He is an alumnus of Jadavpur University. The topic of his lecture will be “*Tagore and Technology*”.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Partha S. Bhattacharyya ('74 Phy. P.G.) has penned a book titled "*When Coal Turned Gold: The Making of a Maharatna Company*" after his thirty four year long journey with Coal India Ltd. The foreword in the book was written by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India and an epilogue written by Shri Pratyush Sinha, former Central Vigilance Commissioner. We feel happy to say that this book is now kept in our alumni library as a prized possession.
- Dr.Saswati Majumder was sanctioned a sum of Rs. 10,129,000/- by DRDO under JBCAT for a project on Experimental Studies of Free Space Laser Communication Link for Data and Voice Transmission in Different Atmosphere Conditions. This is a good news for all of us.



CONDOLENCE PROGRAMME



In loving memory of the late Professor Amiya Kumar Chatterjee ('35 Elect Engg), Alumni Association arranged a Condolence Programme on 28th Jan 2019 in Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium where present students offered tributes through devotional songs.

Our senior alumni members shared their experiences with such an eminent but humble personality and his valuable contributions for more than six decades towards the growth of engineering education and research in the country. They also spoke on his active support for strengthening the activity of our alumni association. His daughter Dr. Anjana



Banerjee remembered him and spoke about various aspects of his glorious, eventful life and his personal characteristics. Alumni Association will always remain indebted to him for his contributions. Collage of photos of a few speakers and the young singers are given alongside.

OBITUARY

Rajat Kumar Chakrabarti ('46 MechE.) former Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University left for his heavenly abode on Thursday, the 3rd Jan 2019. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter. He was popularly known as RKC in JU. Prof. Chakrabarti was a 1946 graduate of the then National Council of Education, Bengal. He was Radhika Mohan Roy scholar, 1954; Fulbright grantee, 1966. Member of Indian Parliament, New Delhi, 1972-1978.

Indrajit Basu ('68 ElecE), a silent and dedicated active member in the Alumni Association left for his heavenly abode on Monday, the 4th February 2019. He was an EC member and was involved in several activities being the Convener of Memorial and Seminar subcommittee, the Joint Convener of Membership Development subcommittee and also a member of Students' Assistance and Award subcommittee. His sudden demise is a great loss to all of us. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

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

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

Venue: IndumatiSabhagriha

Time: 5.00 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
3 rd Feb 2019	Meera Mukherjee Memorial Lecture on “Karkatrog: Protirodh, Prashomon, Protikar”	Dr.JaharMazumdar
10 th Feb 2019	Basanta Kumar Basu Memorial Lecture on “Computer-er ‘Kantho’ Rabindranath-er Gaan”	Prof.Subrata Roy
17 th Feb 2019	Kartik Chandra Basu Memorial Lecture on “Uchcha Shikshay Bangla Bidya: Shatabarshe Phire Dekha”	Prof.Manabendra Mukhopadhyay
	Shyamal Bhowmick Memorial Lecture on “Aakranta Bangla Bhaasha, Aakranta Jateeyo Sanhoti”	Shri Neeteesh Bishwas
24 th Feb 2019	Anupam Sengupta Memorial Lecture on “Sustha Mon O Bhaarmukta Jeeban”	Sm. Kalyani Datta
	Durga Banerjee Memorial Lecture on “Mon, Manush, Moner Kathaa”	Dr. Pramathranjan Bhattacharya

Got a minute?

- ❖ England has no kidney bank....but it does have Liverpool.
- ❖ Don't worry about old age.....it doesn't last.
- ❖ I changed my iPod's name to Titanic.....it's syncing now.

“Without great solitude, no serious work is possible”

- Pablo Picasso