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ALUMNI NEWS

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Month of November is a time when seasons change. One can't wait to grab a scarf while going out of the door. Winter accessories are prioritised in the wardrobe. It's the time to spend with four Fs: Family, friends, food and fun.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION CORNER

In our October 2018 Newsletter Chairman of the Committee, Aloke Mukherjea and the President, Hiren K. Ghosh made an appeal to you all for suggestions to carry out the yearlong celebration successfully. A broad plan was also spread over to you. Among other proposals, our wishes to do something permanent for the society, university and the students were expressed.

A few such proposals are

- a) Introduction of solar street light in the University premises.
- b) Vegetable garbage recycling project or installing of Biocompact machine in main students' hostel.
- c) Solar panel installation project in the hostel.
- d) Construction of additional floor on one building in hosteland/or Bio-Toilet for Ladies hostel.
- e) Making of Capsule lift in Alumni Building.

Implementation of one or more such projects will depend on the resources we get. Alumni Association request your involvement, support and suggestions in this respect. Quite a few members expressed their willingness to contribute a minimum of INR 1000/- to start with, as Seed money. We appeal to you to act without delay.

THEREFORE, COME FORWARD TO LEAVE SOME IMPRINTS TO MAKE THE CENTENARY REMARKABLE.

BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Letter is to be sent to the Alumni Association stating the contribution is being made with details for the Centenary celebrations enclosing the copy of the passport as applicable for foreign currency remittances as mentioned above..

For INR, a dedicated account in United Bank of India, Jadavpur Vidyapith Branch has been opened: SB A/C No. 1517010012564, IFSC UTIBIOJDVF51

& For foreign currency the remittance is to be sent to State Bank of India, J.U. Branch A/C No. 33643042253, Swift Code SBIN0000093, Branch Code 93.

Here a photocopy of the donor's passport may be given to alumni office.

Payee Name in both cases: **Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU.**

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on 26th November, 2018 in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. The meeting was held to consider and approve, with or without modifications, the proposed amended regulations which were approved in Executive Committee Meeting held on 26th October 2018. During the meeting existing clauses and the proposed amendments were displayed over a screen through overhead projector and deliberated clause by clause. With one change (addition of a sentence), the same was adopted. The altered position will be submitted to The Registrar of Firms, Societies and Non-trading Corporations, as per Rules.

ANNUAL DRAMA

Cultural subcommittee of the alumni association organized the Annual Drama on 17th November 2018 evening in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. Our members staged the famous drama "NAHABAT" written by Satya Bandopadhyay, and directed by Jatin Rudra ('63 CivilE). It was a very successful production where every aspect of the drama viz. acting, light, and sound, make-up of artists, stage decoration, and team-work were brilliantly executed! Every member of the audience in the packed theatre enjoyed the drama and showed its appreciation by frequent outbursts of clapping. A few moments of the drama captured are given below.



STUDENT ASSISTANCE & AWARD SUB-COMMITTEE

Students Assistance and Award Programme (2018-19):

The Student Assistance and Award Sub-Committee organised Award Presentation Ceremonies for two days to provide financial assistance to 525 students for the academic year 2018-19. The financial assistance has been generated from the yearly interest of the endowment funds instituted by many JU alumni members and various chapters and also from the donations each year received from individual alumni members and many well-wishers, most notably the Anant Education Initiative who have been supporting the cause with yearly contributions of Rupees Fifteen Lakhs.

Award ceremony for 132-Higher amount awardees and 193-Normal amount awardees was held on 20th November 2018. Shrimati Snehamanju Basu, Registrar of JU gave away the awards.

On 27th November 2018 Award ceremony was held again for 200 Anant Education Initiative (AEI) awardees, that includes 74 fresh students. Shri Rajat Roy, Dean of Students, JU graced the occasion and handed over the awards. Shri Aninda Das, Head Corporate Communications Managing AEI being present in the event handed over the awards and conducted the oath.

Stipends for 2nd quarter to *Higher and Normal category candidates* would be disbursed shortly.

Stipends to AEI scholars are disbursed direct to the students' saving bank accounts monthly by AEI.

A few photos are given below.





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

Chairman: Kalyan Das '63 Chem Engg.; email: kkdratna@rediffmail.com
 Convener: Ananda Sankar Sen '71 Elec. Engg.; email : anandasankarsen@gmail.com
 Joint Convener: Abhijit Mitra '74Chem Engg.;email:akmitra103@gmail.com

- Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Website: www.hqalumniju.org.in

Status of Website:

- All upcoming Events including Notice and Circular of EGM held on 26th November 2018 and Monthly News of October,2018 were duly uploaded .
- Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held in Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium on 26th November '18 to discuss on proposed Amendment of Regulations pursuant to West Bengal Societies Act,1961. The proposed amendments were accepted by majority of Members present
- Names of two new co-opted Members:
 (i) Bhaskar Dhar, '76 Chemistry and (ii) Tapati Saha '71 Phil are included as Executive Committee Members in place of deceased EC Members Kallol Bose, '71 ChemE and Swapam Kumar Roy, '77 Civile.
- All the new Life Members enrolled till October 2018 are entered in Database of Membership Directory. Last Membership no. entered in DataBase is 4916.

Chapter Co-ordination:

- Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Washington Metropolitan Area (JUAA WMA), USA held its Annual General Meeting in the Month of November '18. There is an update on new office bearers, as given below, for the year 2018 – 2019,. This was reported by their past President Dibyendu Paul.

1. Samir Chakrabarti - President. (Civil Engineering, 1967. Email: samirc1@hotmail.com)
2. Rana Sen - Secretary. (Architecture, 1990. Email: rsen.email@gmail.com)
3. Sonal Mazumder - Treasurer. (Materials Science & Nanotechnology, 2008. Email:sonal.mazumder@gmail.com)

And Debdas Ghosal as Advisor to the board (Electrical Engineering, 1965, Email: dghosal@csie.com) along with some other board members.



- Congratulatory letter sent to new President Samir Chakraborty and other elected members wishing a grand success of this Chapter during their tenure and growing it from strength to strength. A photo attached.

President of Atlanta Georgia Chapter, Anil Chakraverti ('61 ElecE) visited our alumni office on 27th November 2018. He had a meeting with a few of our office bearers to discuss the feasibility of enrolment of members of Atlanta Georgia chapter as Life Members of Head Quarter (Alumni Association – NCE Bengal and Jadavpur University). He was briefed about modus operandi for life membership. A group photo attached.



- Progress on the job of updating the Table of Branches and Chapters is very slow. Through this Monthly Newsletter, we are once again requesting the President/ Secretary of respective Chapters to visit our Website and peruse the page of Branch and Chapters (appearing at the top of Website).

We shall appreciate if intimation is sent in the event of any changes to any of us in our email IDs. Please also intimate us if there is "No Change".

Members are requested to visit our Website regularly and for any clarifications/suggestions towards improvement in quality of the renovated Website please do write to: Chairman/Convenor of Chapter Co-ordination and Information & Communication subcommittee over email.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: Ranjit Sengupta '61 M.E., email: rsengupta@rediffmail.com

Convener: Abhijit Mitra '74 Ch.E., email: akmitra103@gmail.com

Activities undertaken:

- Assistance to e-mail and post of EGM meeting notice to members by office administration was successfully completed
- "Join Alumni" flyer is approved and is under print for use. This flyer along with Membership Registration form to be handed over during membership drive.
- First Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of Membership Sub Committee handed over to Secretary for implementation. This template is suggested to be used by other functional areas to create their SOP's.
- HOD, Computer Science Department of Jadavpur University confirmed "Development of Easy-to-use computer application to maintain the Membership Data Base" by Computer Science Students to be taken up after the end of examination.
- Work plan to represent Alumni in Annual Meet event of all the department of Jadavpur University is in progress.

MEMORIAL PROGRAMME

Prof.Hiralal Roy Memorial programme was held on Friday, the 30th November 2018 at 5 p.m. in



Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium. Amitabha Roy Choudhuri, '62 ElecE conducted the programme. Jonaki Chowdhury '70 B.Sc (Phys) presented the invocation song. Flower bouquet was presented to the Chief Guest Dr.Debiprasad Duari by Mohua Banerjee '85 Phil. Then welcome speech was given by Hiren K. Ghosh '61 ME, President, Alumni Association. Ashutosh Deb '59 ME, Chairman, Memorial subcommittee through his speech paid homage to the great soul Prof. Hiralal Roy.

Subsequently Sumit Chakrabarti, '99 Pharm, Secretary Alumni Association introduced the speaker Debi Prasad Duari by narrating his Curriculum Vitae. Then, Dr. Debiprasad Duari delivered the Memorial lecture on "Astronomy and Astrophysics" in Bengali as requested by the audience. He covered the subject matter adequately in a clear and logical sequence with beautiful slides and video clips and made it



interesting by using humour in his articulation. He kept his audience spellbound by a flood of sustained reasoning, of eloquent and powerful speeches.

After the lecture the speaker was presented with an inscribed memento. The evening concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Indrajit Basu '68 ElecE, Convener, Memorial subcommittee. Photo of Dr. Debiprasad Duari attached.

After a tea-break a cultural programme on folk song was presented by members of alumni association. Ashutosh Deb '59 MechE, who directed the programme performed too. The musical soiree was enjoyed by everyone present.

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/alumnae members. However, two of the Wednesdays were holidays in Nov'18. In the last Budher adda of the month, the participants joined in the discussion about coming All Day Social program to be held on 30th December 2018 and Annual Picnic to be held on 17th February 2019. Social subcommittee members informed about the basic plans for these two events and the views of the participants were duly considered.

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*, *sosnacks* and *chai were arranged*. *Everyone* enjoyed the session over *singara/egg devil/cakes* and tea, cost of which were 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 24th November 2018 at 4.30p.m. in our Meeting Hall. The asar was dedicated to the memory of Salil Chowdhury, the music composer, lyricist, writer and singer whose birthday was on 19th November. Members, their family and friends in good number participated and attended the asar. It was an evening of wonderful rendition of immortal songs, recitation and various discussion about the talented person.

It was a very enjoyable evening. Alumni association provides the refreshments served.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **All Day Social on Sunday, 30.12.2018** will be held at the university ground and in alumni association building from 10.00 a.m. onwards. Per head contribution considered @Rs. 400/- only. During the event breakfast, lunch and evening tea will be provided. Events like sports, housie game, Slide show on a trip to Iceland (upper and lower arctic) will be conducted. And interaction with members of foreign chapters will be a special attraction.
- **Foundation Day Celebration on Tuesday, 8th January 2019.** Details of the programme will be provided in due course.
- **Annual Picnic on Sunday, 17th February 2019** will be held at K. D. Mallick Garden House, Sonarpur. Per head contribution considered @Rs. 500/- only.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

- Grant from the GOI to the Jadavpur University for upgradation of research facilities
Jadavpur University has received the first instalment of Rs 100-crore central grant in pursuit of its excellence, under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) a scheme that provides financial aid to select state universities to upgrade research facilities. Of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 41.66 crore the central share was Rs. 25 crore and state's share Rs. 16.66 crore a letter signed by Shri Jaydip Mukhopadhyay, the additional state project director of RUSA, said.
In its address to the university, the letter dated November 16, 2018 also said that the grant would go towards "enhancing quality and excellence of JU". Vice-chancellor Dr. Suranjan Das, on his part, said the sanctioned money will be used by the institution to set up new infrastructure and create advanced research facilities. Dr. Suranjan Das also said that he would be meeting the faculty members and other officials to discuss ways to "fully optimise" the fund within a given timeframe. In Bengal, JU is the first institute of higher education to

have got the grant, based on its NAAC accreditation for five years, beginning in September 2014.

- Cricket Match for Physically Challenged Players
Jadavpur University organized Celebration Cup (Cricket) jointly with Physically Challenged Association (Bengal) in association with Disabled Sporting Society on 3rd December 2018 (World Disability Day) at JU Salt Lake Ground. Tollywood 11 vs. Physically Challenged Bengal Team.



The wonderful news at the end of the fascinating day for the persons with disabilities wasThe Cricket Association of Bengal led by Sourav Ganguly incorporated the Physically Challenged Cricket Association of Bengal in its ambit. After the match at Jadavpur University Salt Lake Ground the captain of the team, Suvra Joardar was called by the CAB top brass to announce this fabulous news. A few photos are attached.



NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker/Performer</u>
2 nd Dec 2018	Binodbihari Roy Memorial Lecture on "Jyotishkalok Paryobekshane Chokher Bhumika"	Dr. Shankarkumar Nath
9 th Dec 2018	Durgadas Basu Memorial Lecture on "Bharateeyo Sanbidhaner Ananyata"	Justice Murarimohan Ghosh
16 th Dec 2018	Pramadashankar Sanyal Memorial Lecture on "Parajita Nayak"	Prof. Debabata Roy
23 rd Dec 2018	Kaleekrishna Bandyopadhyay Memorial Lecture on "Bishwayon O Shiksha"	Prof. Anandadeb Mukhopadhyay
30 th Dec 2018	Manika De Memorial Lecture on "Nazrul: Akhanda Manabata" And Deepti Gupta Memorial Programme on "Nazrulgeeti"	Shri Rajat Bandyopadhyay Sm. KakaliBasu

Got a minute ?

- ❖ An Indian customer went to a restaurant in China.
Chinese waiter: Sir, I have Stewed Liver, Boiled Tongue and Frog's Legs.
Customer: Yaartuapni problems chod, Menu card le aa!
- ❖ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went....and then it dawned on me.

"A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation."

- James Freeman Clarke