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ALUMNI NEWS **OCTOBER 2018**



Month of October ushers in a season of festivities, both religious and social. People dress up in colourful clothes and spend quality time with family and friends in joyful celebrations. There was Puja vacation in our Alumni office and it reopened on 25th October with renewed enthusiasm.

An EGM is being convened on 26th November, 2018 at 5 p.m. in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. This is to consider the proposals for amending the Regulations of the Constitution of the Alumni Association NCE Bengal & Jadavpur University. Separate Notices are being sent to all life members. This is an extremely important step being proposed to be adopted by our Association and members are earnestly requested to attend and provide their views and support.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION CORNER

An Appeal:

Dear JU Alumnus,

It is a proud moment for us to write to you about the impending **Centenary** celebration of our own alumni body. There are only a handful of organisations which have reached such a milestone in any city of the world, through tests and travails of one century to another and our Alumni Association is one of them!

Alumni Association NCE Bengal & Jadavpur University Executive Committee has unanimously elected/nominated Alope Mookherjea (Alokeda to most of us) to lead the Centenary Organising Committee (COC) as Chairman.

An ambitious year long programme is being planned by the COC starting from 2020. However, no Chairperson, no Committee can hope to carry out this programme successfully without full co-operation, help and involvement of our members.

The centenary actually falls in the beginning of 2021 and the plan is to start the celebrations with a curtain-raiser in Feb, 2019 and continue the year long celebrations in 2020 till the beginning of 2021 with a closing ceremony.

The celebrations will include but not necessarily be limited to one major/mega event and we plan many other social/cultural functions, seminar/technical conferences (hopefully international with all your help), press meetings as necessary, felicitation of some of our illustrious teachers and JU alumnus, some social work in terms of giving back to the society and University in different areas in a permanent way, additional scholarships for meritorious students, a Chair in the University - particularly for post-doctoral studies (which is not there today), more of publicizing and enhancing a global brand through social media to let the world know the impact JU alumni are making, souvenir & other publications - technological and non-technological and so on. We are sure we transform many of these to reality with your help and support. The programmes will evolve and you will be intimated in due course.

JU is our Alma Mater! Let us all join hands to make this a success as we celebrate and tell the world about our alma mater.

Let us hear from you.

Please contact: Alope Mookherjea, aloke.mookherjea@gmail.com, 98311 67918 or
Secretary of COC Prabir Choudhury, prabir.choudhury@yahoo.com, 98310 54620 or
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With your suggestions and help – financial, non-financial and through any other resources as well. Also, very important is any information you could give us about organizations, foundations, individuals, etc. who you think could help us in any way in such an effort, in India or abroad.

Warm Regards and the very best wishes for the global festive season which is going on from now till the end of the year,

ALOKE MOOKHERJEA ('59Elec.E)
Chairman, COC

HIREN GHOSH ('61 Mech E)
President, JUAA

BANK ACCOUNTS FOR CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

For INR, in United Bank of India, Jadavpur Vidyapith Branch has been opened:
SB A/C No. 1517010012564, IFSC UTIBIOJDVF51
& For foreign money, in State Bank of India, J.U. Branch A/C No. 33643042253, Swift Code SBIN0000093, Branch Code 93 is operative.
For Foreign remittances a photocopy of the donor's passport is required to be enclosed.
A/c. Name in both cases: Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU.
Please mention Centenary in in your covering letter.

BIJOYA SAMMILANI :

Social Sub-Committee arranged a get-together after the pujas on 27th October evening at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium for exchanging "Shubho Bijoya" greetings.

Members participated in a short impromptu cultural programme when some of them performed songs and recitation during the 1st half of the evening; whereas in the 2nd half it was an audio visual show on a "Trip to Ladakh" visited by Pankaj Behari Bhowmik('64 EE), whose explicit narration of the journey made the audience spellbound.

Out of the gathering a photograph of a few members who attended the function is given.



MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Ranjit Sengupta('61 Mech.E), email: rsengupta@rediffmail.com

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

- There was a sincere effort from the sub-committee members to update the Membership Database so as to reach maximum number of members through e-mail and post.
 1. e-mail-1883
 2. Post-1725
 3. Post returned -842
 4. Doubtful addresses-131
 5. Expired-338

Break-down of postal contacts are

a. Abroad-102

b. India outside West Bengal-80

c. West Bengal and outside Kolkata-126

d. Kolkata (PIN 700XXX) –1417

- The new Membership form has been printed and is readily available in the alumni office
- A flyer "Join Alumni" will be handed over during New Membership drive with the annual events organised by various departments of the University. Work is in progress to collect the event calendar of the departments.
- H.O.D of Computer Science (JU) has extended help in developing Easy to Use computer application to maintain the Membership Database.

NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members were enrolled during the month of October 2018.

Subramanyam Devatha	1991 Pharm.Tech.
Nafis Rezwan Khan Chowdhury	2013 Physics.
Siddhartha Majumder	1997 Mass Comm. (P.G. Diploma)

STUDENTS' ASSISTANCE & AWARD SUB-COMMITTEE

From this year the 'Normal' category stipend has been increased from Rs.6k to Rs.7.8k annually. All together 465 applicants applied for renewal of Students' Assistance and 323 were selected. These comprise 61 stipends of Rs. 20k, 30 (Rs. 12k), 106 (Rs. 7.8k) and 126 (To be awarded by AEI). It's a matter of satisfaction that the first quarter stipends amounting to Rs. 5,97,700 have been disbursed already. Number of fresh applicants interviewed is 281 and out of them 202 students have been selected, comprising of 21 (Rs.20k), 20 (Rs.12k), 87 (Rs.7.8k) and 74 (AEI).

Thus a total of 525 students will receive the financial assistance during 2018-19 with an outgo of around Rs. 48.3 lakhs (Of these Rs. 34.1 Lakhs from Alumni & Rs. 14.2 Lakhs from AEI).

Financial Assistance Award ceremonies are planned for 20th and 27th November 2018. The list of class toppers is awaited from JU authorities and award of merit medals would be organised after receiving it.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period from 18th September 2018 to 25th October 2018 are as follows.

Sankar Nath Maulik ('69 Mech.E)	Rs. 10,000/-	For Students' Assistance
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CHAPTER COORDINATION and INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Sub-Committee Chairman: Kalyan Das ('63 Ch.E) email : kkdratna@rediffmail.com

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Joint Convener: Abhijit Mitra ('74 Ch.E) [email : akmitra103@gmail.com](mailto:akmitra103@gmail.com)

Information & Communication : Website : www.hqalumniju.org.in

• **Status of website**

- i) All upcoming Alumni Events including Monthly News of September 2018 are duly uploaded in the website.
- ii) Last Membership No. entered in Database of Membership Directory is 4905. Further inclusion of nine(9) members enrolled in the months of September/October 2018 is pending.
- iii) Information on our mega event of Annual Drama "Nahabat" that will be staged on 17th November 2018 has been uploaded.

• **Chapter Co-ordination :**

- i) It is very heartening to inform that a new Chapter of "Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Georgia, Atlanta(JUAAGA)" with initial 80 Members has been formed in September 2018.
- ii) Singapore Chapter has intimated the names of new Office Bearers and Members of Executive Committee after their AGM held in April 2018.

- iii) The job of updating the Table of Branches and Chapters appearing at the top of the page of our Website is underway. Accordingly our Convener Ananda Shankar Sen is liaising with concerned Office Bearers of Branches and Chapters. Through this Monthly News, we are 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.

BUDHER ADDA

In October, two out of five Wednesdays were in Puja holidays. Also with pre and post puja engagements as well as forecast of the storm 'Titli', participation in Budher Adda was somewhat less than normal.

Since Shanibarer Asar for this month and Bijoya Sammilani was merged on same day (27th October 2018, the last Saturday of the month), some of the members who normally perform in Shanibarer Asar were encouraged to perform in the last Budher adda on 30th November 2018.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A Football Carnival, "Football Ekadoshi 2018" was held at the JU second campus grounds on 20th October. Total eight teams of ex-Blues (including many alumni members) & present students played in league cum knock out basis. JU Blues won the tournament & Young Blues were runners up.



ACHIEVEMENT & AWARD



It is great news for all of us that Achinta Mukhopadhyay (1990 Mech.E & Ph.D in 2000 from JU), a member of JUAA and presently teaching in Mechanical Engg. Dept of Jadavpur University has been selected as one of the 12 best professors in India by Indian National Science Academy in 2018. Thus he has received the prestigious INSA Teachers Award these year & we heartily congratulate him for the success & appreciation he has received.

Achinta Mukhopadhyay is a Fellow of the West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology and International Society for Energy, Environment and Sustainability and a life member of Indian Society of Heat and Mass Transfer and Indian section of the Combustion Institute.

OBITUARY

Sudhindra Nath Mukhopadhyay ('65 EE) left for his heavenly abode on 16th October 2018. The Association conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- **Annual Drama “Nahabat”** will be held on 17th November 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.
- **Students’ Award Ceremony** : 20th & 27th November 2018 at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.
- **Extra-ordinary General Meeting** will to be held on 26th November 2018 at 5 p.m. at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.
- **Memorial Programme** of Prof. Hiralal Roy will be held on 30th November 2018 at 5 p.m. in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. Dr. Debiprasad Duari, Director of Research and academic M P Birla Institute of Fundamental Research will deliver the memorial lecture on the topic “Astronomy & Astrophysics: Concepts and Challenges” followed by a Musical Soiree of Folk songs by Alumni Members.

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11 th Nov 2018	Bijaya, Preetisammelan	Deepanwita, Bhratridwiteeyar
18 th Nov 2018	Udaychandra Chakraborty Memorial Lecture on “Chhiyattor O Panchasher Manwantar”	Shri Prashanta Sanyal
	Jahnobee Chakraborty Memorial Lecture on “Kshudhaarto Bishwa”	Shri Deepan Roy
25 th Nov 2018	Sree Aravinda Memorial Lecture on “Sree Aravinder Darshane Manab Astitwer Taatparjo”	Prof. Indrani Sanyal

Got a minute?

- I changed my iPod’s name to Titanic.....It is syncing now.
- Don’t worry about old age.....it doesn’t last.
- I tried to catch some frog.....but I mist.

***“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past,
but by the responsibility for our future”***

- George Bernard Shaw