



# **ALUMNI NEWS**

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# From President's Desk

Dear Members,

With the advent of 2022,I extend my good wishes to all and pray sincerely for healthy days ahead. We have crossed over a barren year with neither any revenue earned nor any of the usual functions have been possibly performed due to the lockdown imposed by the Government owing to the pandemic raging through the world. The yearlong functions that had been planned for the centenary year celebrations of our Alumni had to be abandoned on account of the governmental prohibitions.

In spite of this kind of adverse situation ,the Alumni office has been running with its full strength including the payment of salaries to all staff. The members of the subcommittees have performed the jobs entrusted upon them and deserve due appreciation. Major repair work has been carried out, as much as possible in the auditorium furnishings which had become extensively dilapidated during the lock–down period, enabling us to take bookings with immediate effect.

The functions of the Student Assistance sub-committee have been duly performed and the scholarships and medals have been disbursed among the meritorious students.

We have complied with all the directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs in order to obtain the renewal of FCRA account, but, unfortunately, we are yet to receive any positive reply from the concerned authorities despite repeated communication and even personal representation to them at their New Delhi office.

The next AGM of the JU Alumni HQ is scheduled to be held on the 5th of March 2022, along with the election of the new EC members.

Before concluding, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of our Association, including those of other branches situated in India and abroad and ardently appeal to all for a spirit of sporting cooperation which is essential to take forward the life of our esteemed and beloved Alumni Association of Jadavpur University.

Bimal Chandra Ghosh

শতবর্ষ প্রাচীন আমাদের এই প্রিয় শিক্ষাঙ্গন তার জন্মমুহূর্তে দেখেছিল পৃথিবী জুড়ে এক অতিমারির তান্ডব যার নাম স্প্যানিশ ক্লু । প্রথম বিশ্বযুদ্ধের সঙ্গে হাত ধরাধরি করে এসেছিল বলে একে আমরা যুদ্ধজ্বর বলে চিহ্নিত করেছি।

আর ঠিক যখন আমরা শতবর্ষ উৎসব উদযাপন শুরু করেছিলাম তথনই আরো একবার শুরু হল বিশ্ব জুড়ে এক নতুন অতিমারি... নোভেল করোনা ভাইরাস।

এই ভাইরাস গত দু'বছর ধরে আমাদের জীবন বিপর্যস্ত করে রেথেছে। আমরা হারিয়েছি আমাদের বহু প্রিয়জন ... নিকট আত্মীয় এবং অনেক বিখ্যাত ব্যক্তিত্বকে। কিন্ডু ...

"তবুও তো পেঁচা জাগে ; গলিত শ্ববির ব্যাং আরো দুই মুহূর্ত্তের ভিচ্ষা মাগে আরেকটি প্রভাতের ইশারাম – অনুমেম উষ্ণ অনুরাগে"।

তাই আমরাও ফিরে এসেছিলাম আমাদের আগের সংখ্যা নিয়ে ইংরেজি নববর্ষের সূচনায়। আজ আবার এলাম এই বসন্তের সুরে সুরে গানে গানে ... সঙ্গে হৃদয়ের গহন গভীরে মাতৃদুগ্ধসম আমাদের প্রাণের মাতৃভাষাকে সাথে নিয়ে...

পত্রিকার পক্ষ থেকে

# **Reports from Sub-Committees**

## Administrative & Finance Sub-Committee

Present Office bearers started working during the period of fear and anxiety of Pandemic. So the challenge was to keep our association functional, protect our employees and to find out the avenues for sustainable development. Though most of our regular programs could not take place but some silver lining was also there. Let us allow to list our achievements and also disappointments.

\* Renewal of Society Registration in due time.

\* Regular follow up of FCRA issue under the guidance of special task force.

\* Received donations from our esteemed members with special mention to the sports subcommittee, which helped us to overcome financial crisis of the association.

- \* Provide financial help to the students
- \* Give away merit medals to topper students.

\* Arranged annual picnic and some other social programs. Subcommittees started respective functions at post lock down phase.

- \* Started the process of computer based accounting.
- \* Completed audit of F/Y 2020-21 within due date.
- \* Started booking of our Hall and Guest rooms.

\* Started renovation works of Auditorium required to make it ready for regular booking.

With the above mentioned inspiring updates the most disappointing news is in spite of our sincere effort we could not manage renewal of FCRA registration which is badly affecting our students assistance programs. Necessary steps are being taken and at present the bank has allowed us to utilize the fund which is lying with them but the restriction on receiving any donations still continues . We hope this matter will also be solved with a positive note very soon.

With this scenario as briefed above we are now preparing for the next AGM which is scheduled on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022. In this AGM we have to fill up the vacancy of five senior most Executive Members as par the usual process.

# We thankfully acknowledge donations received in this difficult time.

## **General Fund**

Donor	Amount (INR)	<u>Date</u>
Prof Samir Saha	3000.00	19.07.2021
Tapati Saha	3000.00	19.07.2021
Yogesh Nanavati	30000.00	28.07.2021
Prof Dr Sanjay Chakraborty	5000.00	28.07.2021
Nirmalya Ghosh	2000.00	28.07.2021
Tirthankar Ghosh	20000.00	28.07.2021
Manas Mohan Ghosh	5000.00	28.07.2021
Sabyasachi Bose	5000.00	28.07.2021
Ashoke Adhikary	5000.00	28.07.2021
Lisa Koley	5000.00	28.07.2021
Aloke Nath Chattopadhyay	2500.00	28.07.2021
Subhasis Mukherjee	50000.00	30.07.2021
Swapan Naskar	5000.00	04.08.2021
Manisha Chowdhury	5000.00	05.08.2021
Contribution of Sports Sub-Committee	75000.00	05.08.2021
Santanu Pal	2000.00	05.08.2021
Pritam Das	2500.00	05.08.2021
Paulami Chakraborty	1000.00	21.08.2021
Lokenath Mitra	10000.00	01.09.2021
Bikas Bose	10000.00	01.09.2021

## **Students Assistance**

Donor	Amount (INR)
Sohini Sengupta	40000.00
Eco Crystals Pvt Ltd	31200.00
JUAA Hyderabad	33600.00
Sunburst Systems Pvt Ltd	20000.00
Atin Kumar Sinha	49488.00
Dipak Kumar Pal	20000.00
Team Raha Ideation Pvt Ltd	20000.00
Ramkrishna Jaydayal Dalmia	135000.00
Sevanyas	
Siddhartha Roy	1000.00
IIICAM Calcutta	25000.00
Sanjayendu Bikas Gope	7800.00
Ranjit Sengupta	20000.00
Biren Kr Mullick	12000.00
SamratChakraborty Memorial	285000.00
Fund	
JUAA, UAE Chapter	
	55600.00
Manjira and Ritika Putatundu	
	30000.00
Nikhilesh Mukhopadhyay	
	5000.00
JUAA Mumbai Branch Trust	50000.00

#### **Centenary Celebration**

Donor	Amount (INR)
Mitra Pal	10000.00
Partha Pratim Khan	5000.00
Anjan Chatterjee	3000.00
Rajat Dasgupta	30000.00
Ashok Adhikary	5000.00
Sumit Bardhan	10000.00

\*\* Despite the best of our effort to acknowledge each and every single donation we received during this period if we have missed out any name , we sincerely regret from the core of our heart for that inadvertent error...\*\*

## Editorial Team Alumni News

#### Students Assistance and Award Sub-Committee

Due to the difficult situation of pandemic and lockdown, the activities of the committee were limited to few events as is the case in most of the areas. However we have made efforts to reach to our students to assist them to the best of our ability in this difficult time. Like most of the cases, activities were mostly limited to a few scholarship award disbursement events and also arrangements are made to facilitate future disbursement.

Few activities carried out in this regard during the above period are mentioned below.

#### 1) <u>Stipend Disbursement:</u>

Stipend from donations from individuals or from few organisations as deposited in favour of 'Student assistance program' are disbursed among selected students based on merit cum means to help them continue their study.

a) Under this scheme in 2020-2021, a total sum of Rs. 662750 payments for stipend to 309 Nos earlier selected students has been disbursed for the 3rd quarter for the academic year 2020-2021.

b) Further under this scheme , selection of 107 fresh students has been completed by virtual interviews . Approval of the payment is obtained from EC. Disbursement of stipend for these new students will be done shortly.

#### 2) Medal Disbursement

The long awaited medal giving ceremony 2019 for the toppers of different disciplines of Jadavpur University was held on 23/12/2021 at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. The awards were given in the memory of late Indubhushan and Santisudha Putatunda, late Meera Ashima Rani Mitra, late and Binoy Krishna Bhattacharyya, late Bimal Bhusan Datta and late Dr.Dilip Kumar Paul.Total Number of 74 students of different disciplines were selected for the awards. Prof. Dr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of JU and President of WBCHSE was present as guest of honour and gave away the awards to the recipients. In his speech he emphasised on the value making process of the students. President of JUAA Sri Bimal Chandra Ghosh, Secretary Dr Saibal Chakraborty ,Chairman Students Award committee Dr Sumit Chakrabarti and Convenor Sri Pinaki Sarkar were also present on the occasion and gave their valuable suggestions to the students for achieving their goal.

Few photographs of this event are given here.

#### 3) <u>Renewal of Stipends :</u>

Renewal of scholarship process for the academic year 2020-2021 has already started and the disbursement is likely to take place by the end of this month.

#### 4) Scholarship under AEI donation.

Finalised the selection of 109 students for disbursement of AEI Scholarship for the academic year 2020- 2021 for Rs 650 per month per student as promised by AEI. AEI has been requested to continue their financial assistance to these needy and meritorious students for their full academic period till 2023-24. We are awaiting the final approval from AEI on this matter.

Considering the delay in payment from AEI for the academic period 2020 -21 and to mitigate the hardship of the students , JUAA student subcommittee decided to disburse one month's stipend ie a total sum of 70850 distributed among all 109 AEI Sponsored students from JUAA account immediately.

5) <u>Assistance to outgoing students :</u>

The student Assistance subcommittee took an initiative to conduct a Spoken English and Interview technique course to the outgoing students. Due to the current Pandemic situation such initiative could not be started and is postponed till March 2022.



Earn While You Learn Sub-Committee

EWYL activities have been started from Wednesday, December 1, 2021 as soon as University was open. Though the attendance of the students is very poor EWYL, sub-committee in collaboration with NSS, J.U. has decided to continue the programs to motivate the other students to come back to their regular activities as it was done before. Moreover the entire selection procedure of the new session for the last two years is held up because of the classes of 1st year students have not yet been started in physical mode.



( Photograph of Students engaged in EWYL Activities )

# **Cultural Sub-Committee**

Pandemic induced stupor had thrown many challenges before us restraining our usual socio-cultural activities.But in December 2020, when the Covid protocols were slightly relaxed, we resolved to resume "শনিবারের আসর".

As a routine,"Shanibarearr Asor" is held on the last Saturday of every month manifesting a pre-announced "theme" or topic through songs, recitations, and speeches.

Following are the glimpses of the last few

# "শনিবারের আসর"

On the January 30th 2021, the theme of the Asor was "দেশ ও স্বাধীনতার সংগ্রাম". Patriotic songs, speeches, and recitations performed by the Alumni members created an ambience of patriotism. Tributes were given to Swami Vivekananda and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose also.

On February 27th,2021, the theme of the Asor was "আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস" (memorising the International Mother Tongue Day of the 21st February).Historical backgrounds of the agitation, UNO's recognition of the day, similar agitations that stirred up in Silchar(Assam) etc were chronologically dwelt by the Alumni speakers.

The theme song "আমার ভায়ের রক্তে রাঙালো ২১শে ফেব্রুয়ারি " was the inaugural song.

On April 3rd,2021, "Basanta Utsab" was Celebrated. Alumni Members welcomed the king of all seasons by relevant seasonal songs, recitations, essays and a dance program.

Covid protocols were reimposed from the second week of April 2021, and all our forthcoming programs had to be withdrawn.

Since the restrictions have been relaxed again very recently, the Cultural Sub Committee had joined with the Social Sub Committee hosted feast on 30th October2021, and the cultural program, the part of Shanibarer Asor was well conducted by our convener.

এবং আরো কিছু কথা ...

গত ২৬ তারিখ শনিবার ... এবারেও আমরা ডঃ ত্রিগুনা সেন অডিটোরিয়ামে আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবসের উদ্দেশ্যে নিবেদন করলাম আমাদের শনিবারের আসর ... গানে , কবিতায় , পাঠে এক উজ্জ্বল সন্ধ্যা হয়ে রইল এই শনিবারের আসর।



মাতৃভাষা দিবসের কিছু মুহূর্ত ...





#### **Sports Sub-Committee**

From 2020, JU Alumni Association has introduced a new sub-committee to bring focus on sports and increase the involvement and enthusiasm of our families specially the children. Despite the pandemic induced restrictions this committee has been able to ignite the excitement of sports amongst us and let us feel the excitement in their message for the alumnus ...

Football Ekadoshi – a name that has become a red letter day in the calendars of every sports loving JU Alumni, is a day long football tournament among JU Alumni teams, where present and ex students from all walks of life come together for a day of football, fun and adda. This year it was held on 16th October, exactly on Ekadoshi of the Durga Puja, thereby fulfilling its naming to the fullest. As the JU campus was closed this year, Football Ekadoshi was held this year at Ramgarh Pragati Sangha football ground, in Gangulybagan Jadavpur, under the strict vigil of the organising committee. Abiding by the Covid norms, not more than 50 persons were allowed inside the pitch at any time of the day and the audience was also split in groups to ensure no gathering happens. The full day was brilliantly managed by the organising committee, lead by the newly formed Sports Sub Committee of JU Alumni Association. From this year onwards, Football Ekadoshi will be a permanent event in the JUAA calendar and will be held under the purview of the Sports Sub Committee.

About 250 past and present student of JU enjoyed throughout the day, starting from 1970s batches to 2020 batches. Every member had fun playing football or watching games and reminiscing the glorious days spent in the university with friends, games and good food. The matches were of high intensity with the old and new, all vying for the championship trophy, which finally went to Team JU BLUES. Although there was only 1 trophy winner at the end of the day, its was a victory for the JU spirit, as old bonds were rekindled and the past days were brought back to life. Overall, every member present went home cherishing the day's memories for another year, before the next one comes around and spreads the same happiness.

We look forward to hosting more such sports events in the future where JU Alumni can come and relive the good old days with some games and fun.





# (Alumni News captured few sporting moments of the day)

Introduction of Sports Sub-Committee in our executive functioning is a new concept to bring focus on sports and games activities and in the process bring energy and dynamism in our activities and no doubt the initial indications are very much encouraging for us.

#### Auditorium Sub-Committee

We are at present reeling under severe financial crises in view of the prevailing pandemic situation as a result of which generation of revenue has come to a total standstill. In spite of this we have planned to execute the following jobs necessary for the upkeep of the Auditorium as well as improve other facilities on an urgent basis. :-

- 1) Replacement of the Fibre glass sheet of the Foyer
- 2) Treatment of the Roof of the Auditorium
- 3) Overhauling of the Main Curtain System of the stage
- 4) Modification of the Electrical Systems
- 5) Repairing of the Chair in the Auditorium.
- 6) Repair of the Voltas make 17 Tr AC
- 7) Sanitization of the audience before entrance through automatic sanitizer equipment.

We are expecting to execute all the above jobs very soon and be ready with a fully prepared auditorium.

We are glad to share that we have renewed the Annual Maintenance Contracts with Voltas and Flash Point for AC and Fire system of the hall respectively even under this difficult situation.

#### **Social Sub-Committee**

As soon as the first wave of Covid -19 virus came to its low .. Social Sub-Committee made the first break through by resuming our weekly meet **"Budher Adda"** and continued till the second wave surged in at April 2021. Budher Adda has again started from October 2021 with a close watch on the anticipated 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave. All the protocols for Covid-19 are being maintained for the safety of all.

We could also organize our annual picnic of 2021 in a beautiful farmhouse at Narendrapur on 6<sup>th</sup> March , 2021. Participants included child of four as well as veteran of eighty. With awesome breakfast and delicious lunch together with dance , songs , recitations by our members

and their family it was a day of mental relief in the hard pressed pandemic scenario.

On 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 we had organized Bijaya Sammelani in collaboration with Cultural Sub-Committee. From Social Sub-Committee we had arranged for a crispy Breakfast and delicious Lunch. The program was delighted and colorful with cultural programs arranged by Cultural Sub-Committee.



প্রতি বছরের মত এবারেও আমরা পিকিনিকের আয়োজন করতে চলেছি ... শীত পার হয়ে মনে , প্রাণে বসন্তের রঙীন বাতাস বুকে ভরে নিয়ে...

আগামী ১৩ই মার্চ , রবিবার , আড়িয়াদহ'র "সৃজনী" বাগান বাড়ি ...

সংপৃক্ত হতে রোদ্মুব চেয়ে একদল প্রাক্তনী নিয়ে ইউনিভার্সিটি ৩ নং গেট থেকে বাস ছাড়বে ঠিক সকাল ৮টায়...

আসুন , সবাই মিলে আমরা রোদ্দুর ছুঁয়ে আসি একটা দিন ...

## Chapter Co-Ordination , Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Encountered with the teething challenge from lockdown, restrictions of movements our subcommittee took up the initiative of communicating to all our chapters on air.

"বন্ধু কী খবর বল" was an Endeavour in this regard to speak with different chapters through online platform of Google / Zoom . The first of such meet was organized with our JUAA of Mumbai. It was really a nice interactive session and surely a path finder for future collaboration towards the cause of alma mater.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February, we had another virtual meet with our Delhi Chapter and it was a real eye opener for us when we could realize the importance of such regular meets which can help us towards collaboration and bonding in the difficult situation.

Apart from the online meet we could also hear the voice from our Sydney and Oman Chapter.

Courtesy to the pandemic we will be focusing on this online platform to bridge and communicate with our different chapters across the globe.

Some of the chapters have shared their activities during this pandemic period and the same are placed here.

স্বাধীনতার ৭৫ বছর উপলক্ষ্যে প্রাক্তনীর ১৫ই গতবছর আগস্ট অফিস ডঃ ত্রিগুণা সেন অডিটোরিয়াম এর সামনে পতাকা উত্তোলন উপস্থিত করা হয ছিলেন আমাদের সভাপতি সহ সভাপতি সম্পাদক কোষাধ্যস্ক।



# Voice from different chapters....

## Mumbai

#### A. General & Obituary

This brief covers the activities of Mumbai branch (JUAAM) from June 2020 to November 2021. Like most of the branches, JUAAM's activities were mostly limited to digital platforms except for few physical scholarship award ceremonies organized by JUAAM Trust and a cyber-physical Executive Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021.

During this period, JUAAM lost some of their senior members. It is inconsolable loss to the bereaved family members and Alumni fraternity.

- Prof. A K Dey, 1947 Mech Former Director IIT Bombay and First Chairman of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board
- Ranjit Mohan Bardhan, 1955 Chem Former Director, Mangalore Refinery Private Limited
- Mamata Bardhan, 1963 MA
- Amal K Basu 1946 Chem Former Director Davy Powergas.

We had 16 virtual meetings including two AGMs (Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 for FY19-20 and 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 for FY 20-21). JUAAM also participated and presented to mother Alumni during Global coordination meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

#### B. Brief of Trust Activities

Since 1980, JUAAM is running Education Trust who provides scholarships to various institutes in Mumbai and in Jadavpur University. Currently, 9 Scholarships are distributed having annual disbursement over 3 Lakhs. Four new proposals are being discussed with university. JUAAM Board of Trustees met university Vice Chancellor on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 to take discusses further.



#### C. Centenary Lecture Series

 "Parental Guidance to take care of Children during COVID-19" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 online lecture by By Sharmishtha Chakraborty Counseling Psychologist.

- "Renewable energy" online lecture on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 by Dr. Bishnupada Bhattacharya, 1971M, Visiting Faculty, MIT Pune and Savitribai Phule Pune University. Lecture Link – https://youtu.be/f5x0RMe2\_Rk
- "Academic Scopes in Germany" a Session by DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) on 26 September 2021 by Shubhada Chowdhury, Regional Officer, DAAD Information Point Mumbai.
- "Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals- India's Role in The Global Context" online lecture on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 by Prof Jayanta Chattopadhyay, Teaching and Consultant, Pharma Industry.

## D. Social engagement Programs

## Bijaya Sammelani 2020 on 7th November 2020

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1COgVHLouofmjboQYDjmg

Shatabarshe Shraddhanjali on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwLHcqi9U

Bijaya Sammelani 2021 on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysWaiOhRsYI

# Delhi

Our Delhi Chapter was really in hardship throughout the entire duration of pandemic. During this period we lost some of our friends at Delhi ... Hillol Biswas , 1977 Chem , Sagar Choudhury , 1987 Physics , Siddhartha Dutta , 1999 Civil. Despite this blow from Covid 19 our Delhi Chapter is now coming back to normalcy and following programs are on slate ...

- 1) A virtual cultural event and a Picnic in February provided the situation permits
- A cricket match between JUAA Delhi and BESU (Shibpur)
- 3) Publish a technical journal in March 2021
- 4) Blanket distribution to the distressed and needy peoples

We salute to the courage shown by our Delhi Chapter in this difficult time.

# UK

Just like any other country of the world UK has also been very much affected due to the Covid 19 virus and its mutated variants. The continent is still fighting to restore its normal activity. Despite the hardship JU Alumni Association UK had their annual general meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 where a revised constitution was proposed and finally accepted by the members. The newly elected office bearers are Sudip Ghose - Chairperson , Anindya Dasgupta & Ayan Sengupta – Treasurer , Ananya Dixit – General Secretary . The committee has fourteen more executive members.

Some major activities

• Amphan cyclone relief efforts

Funds worth £2762 were raised and donated to organisations - BiLoopto and Jadavpur Commune, to help those affected by cyclone Amphan.

- Six students were awarded scholarships by Parent Association from the fund UK Chapter sponsor
- Owing to COVID, a lot of social events that were planned had to be cancelled. The ones that were held were –
- a) Christmas lunch and festivities at Posto, which also included a donation to Cancer Research UK
- b) Sports day and lunch on 18/01/2020

# Sydney

Due to pandemic situation 2020 AGM of J U Alumni Association Sydney Chapter could not be held. As such Management Committee (MC19-20) remained, by default, the caretaker committee for 20-21. Given the circumstances, the caretaker committee had been unable to undertake the usual year-round activities proactively but had ensured the administrative running of the organisation and the duties and obligations were fulfilled.

In a recently held 2021 AGM the following members were elected to represent 2021-22 Management Committee

Sudipta Bej- President; Krish De-Secretary; Asim Das-Treasurer; Naren Saha- Public Officer

Chanchal Bhattacharya, Ayan Adak, Sameek Saha, Rajdeep Ray, Sweta Saha, Saunak Chakraborty, Aditi Coomer – Members

The Association continued with the following activities:

(i) Donated \$500 to NSW Bush fire victims, (ii) Contributed \$500 to AMPHAN Cyclone Relief in West Bengal, through MUKTI,

(iii) Sponsored 5 Jadavpur University students for the full duration of their courses of studies, to the tune of INR 85000/- per year, through MUKTI, (iv) paid a sum of INR 50 000 to a current J U 3rd Yr. International Studies blind student, Anup Singh to undergo surgery in an effort to regain sight on his Right eye. Anup confirmed recently his eye sight improved and continued his 3<sup>rd</sup> yr. classes.

An hour and a half long Cultural Program following the AGM was masterminded by Chanchal. Everybody appreciated dance recital by Dishani Ganguly and Sunetrika Bej. Swaranika Saha showed her Keyboard playing skill very efficiently. Introductory talk by Sandip Hor, talk show by Debashish Mukherjee and one act play (Natok) by Asim & Sudipta Basu charmed the audience. Thanks to Aditi Coomer for conducting the proceedings of the evening so gracefully.

Everybody enjoyed the mouth-watering dinner (Fried rice and goat meat curry ++



(Some joyful moments from our Sydney Chapter)

৩০শে ডিসেম্বর প্রাক্তন উপাচার্য অধ্যাপক গোপাল চন্দ্র সেনের প্রয়াণ দিবস উপলক্ষ্যে প্রাক্তনীর পক্ষ থেকে শ্রদ্ধা নিবেদন...



"আমাদেরই ব্যর্থ হাতে নিজেকে আকুল ভিক্ষে দিয়ে নিরভিমানের পাশে বৃক্ষতলে চিরস্বির আজ -কয়েকটা নিক্ষল শাথা মাথার উপরে আছে ঝুঁকে ঈশ্বরের শেষ রশ্মি এসে পড়ে সেই ভস্মমুথে।"

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# From Membership Desk

We are grateful to all alumnus that despite this difficult situation we are going through at present our new membership enrollment has not stopped ... and we have received eighty (80) fresh applications for life membership and the names along with their department and year are shared here for our readers..

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Ratna	Chakrabarty	ETCE	1961
Pramit	Debmallik	Const.E	2019
Sanjoy	Das Neogi	Civil	2007
Arnab	Gupta	MechE	1991
Apratim	Biswas	Physics	2017
Prantika	Das	Physics	2017
Medha	Basu	Physics	2017
Salil	Bhattacharjee	Economics	1976
Kinkar	Mondal	Phy. Edu	2005
Tarit Kumar	Roy	Phy. Edu	1987
Dibakar	Dey	Instrumentation	2001
Shuvojit	Dasgupta	Mass Comm	2006
Shankha	Pathak	MetE	2006
Aadil Rashid	Khan	MechE	2005
Nilanjan	Majumder	CivilE	2007
Roshan	Saha	Eco	2016
Jatan	Soren	Prod	2010
Utpal Kumar	Ganguly	Int. Rel	1963
Debapriya	Dutta Majumder	Mass Comm	2006
Rinku	Dey Chakraborty	Bengali	2004
Samar	Das	Bengali	2004
Santu	Snfui	Philosophy	2011
Arup	Biswas	Philosophy	2010
Diptesh	Pakrashi	Chemistry	1990
Manabika	Mandal	Economics	2014
Suchismita	Devnath	History	1982
Arup Kumar	Chakraborty	Pharmacy	1975
Subhra	Mukherjee	Mathematics	1982
Tarun Kumar	Das	ElecE	1974
Kunal	Kanar	Civil	2007
Subhadip	Maji	Mechanical	2016
Sulfikar	Ali	Bio-tech	2020
Milan	Ghosh	ElecE	1988
Barunayan	Das	Medi-Lab-Tech	1994
Debopama	Sinha	Comp.Lite	2012
Rajyasri	Neogy	Economics	2001

Arnab Kumar	Banerjee	Lib. Sc	2011
Dipak	Singha Ray	Geology	1980
Sabyasachi	Shome	Geology	1979
Anupam	Basu	ETCE	1980
Saibal	Chatterjee	ETCE	1978
Ardhendu	Barman	Mathematics	2012
Rupam	Nandi	Pharmacy	2018
Ritacheta	Goswami	Bengali	1997
Sumanta	Modak	MechE	1992
Rajarshi	Mukhopadhyay	ChemE	1994
Prithwiraj	Sur	ChemE	1975
Raghunath	Mandal	ChemE	1991
Amitabha	Mullick	Geology	1979
Ishita	De Ghosh	Mathematics	1992
Sonali	Das	Bengali	1988
Tapan Kumar	Sarkar	ChemE	1975
Pradip Kumar	Pal	MechE	1976
Sibnath	Som	ChemE	1971
Kajal	Ghosal	Pharm	2003
Shipra	Biswas (Nee Das)	Physics	1989
Suman	Nihar	MechE	2010
Shipra	Ghosh	Bengali	1987
Mousumi	Dhar Chowdhury	Bengali	1990
Kajari	Roy Chowdhury	Bengali	1987
Srimanti	Chowdhuri	English	2011
Madhumita	Ghosh	Beng	1980
Saibal	Sengupta	ElecE	1991
Tanvir	Hasan	MBA	2014
Antara	Roy	Eco	2010
Ujani	Ghosh	Eco	2010
Ashis	Chakraborty	MetE	1979
Abhinandan	Das	Comp. Sc. Eng.	2006
Shovik	Ray	Chemistry	2021
Subhas	Mondal	Bengali	2001
Chayan	Majumdar	Physics	2013
Utpal	Ghosh	Civil	1999
Subrata	Guha	Civil	1992
Jupidia	Chaudhuri(Sen		1552
Minakshi	Gupta)	Comp Lit	1977
Manjari	Ray ( Sen Gupta)	Philosophy	1975
Swarjit	Barua	Mechanical	1993
Bishnu Pada	Mondal	B.P.E.D	2005
Pronoy	Roy Choudhury	PhD (Cons)	2021
Aishee	De	Chemistry	2021
Snata	Gangopadhya (Mukherjee)	Philosophy	1994

This has been possible due to the tremendous effort of the membership subcommittee for providing both online and offline platform to welcome our alumnus aspirants to become life members of JUAA, HQ, Jadavpur.

Our Membership card has also a new smart and attractive look..

# From Centenary Celebration Desk

The Centenary Organising Committee was formed during mid 2019 consisting of total thirty-two members with Sri Aloke Mookherjee – Chairperson ,Sri Hiren K Ghosh- Co-Chairperson , Smt Sati Chatterjee – Co-Chairperson and Sri Prabir Choudhury as the Organising Secretary. A year-long centenary programme was prepared for our association from January 2020 to January 2021.

A press briefing and a curtain raiser program was successfully organized on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at our Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium. The inaugural function was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Vivekananda Hall of Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark. Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal was present as chief guest.

On this occasion, Sri Anupam Roy, famous musician and also our alumnus, composed and sang a centenary theme song based on a beautiful poem written by Smt Purabi Bhattacharyya published in the centenary commemorative volume Both the song and the commemorative volume were released on the same day.

A national seminar on "Conventional to renewable power" was also arranged on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Next day we also had Prof. Gopal Chandra Sen memorial lecture, followed by a dance drama performed by an invited group on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Venue for both the days was Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium.

We regret to inform that our total year-long centenary program was completely jeopardized with effect from end of March 2020 due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic situation resulting in cancellation of all scheduled programs till date.

However, in association with JU, we could successfully organize a "Gold Medal" award for "Best Sports Girl Student" of JU in every year – a part of our centenary programs.

We have also paid a token one-time ex-gratia payment to all our ten office staffs in recognition of their good work in the centenary activities.

We have already installed two metal plates, containing the names of all the Presidents and Secretaries of our association from 1921 to 2021 in the foyer of the alumni building – a part of centenary programs.

It is now finally resolved that the tenure of Centenary Organising Committee is extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 when this committee will submit an Income / Expenditure financial report to the parent body before final closure of the centenary celebration and dissolution of the committee.

It has been proposed by our Chairperson to schedule the Closing Ceremony in a befitting manner before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 through a cultural program, followed by a hi-tea or centenary dinner if situation permits.

Regarding the installation of Bio-Composter at JU main hostel, as the project is not possible in near future in the given situation, we had no other way but to give up the same . As few members had donated money specifically for this project, they should be approached with an appeal whether the concerned donors would agree to transfer their funds to any other account of the Alumni Association or any other option they deem fit.

In this present scenario, COC had decided to organise at least two scheduled programs within the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 time frame. Namely (a) a musical program "Kurnish", scripted by our beloved alumnus late Asutosh Deb as a tribute to the covid warriors and (b) a good Closing Ceremony followed by hi-tea / dinner within March 2022.

The first of these namely "Kurnish" is already staged on 19<sup>th</sup> February, Saturday, 5 PM at Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium. The event was organized in two parts. In the first half we felicitated some real life Covid Warriors as Doctor, Nurse and Health Assistants from KPC Medical College and Hospital. Smt Krishna Das, Secretary of KPC Medical College and Hospital was our guest of honor in this event.

In the second half we had staged the Geeti Alekhyo – "Kurnish" a wonderful musical presentation which was highly appreciated by the audience including our guests who were invited and felicitated in the first half.

Some photographs taken in the above program as well as the YouTube link of the two events are shared below.

# Felicitation of The Covid Warriors



Link of the event - <u>https://youtu.be/51Apymq5Xqg</u>

# Musical Event "Kurnish"



Link of the event - <u>https://youtu.be/CtH-XyDXrUg</u>

The remaining pending programs such as (1) installation of a lift in the Alumni building, (2) creation of a membership directory, (3) felicitation of senior teachers of JU (80+ years) and (4) a cultural programs by Alumni members will be taken up in April 2022 onwards by new task forces to be formed for this purpose by present office bearers in due course.

# Latest Updates

In view of the resignation of Sri Aloke Mookherjee as Chairperson COC, due to his personal reasons, Sri Rasendu Putatunda was unanimously selected as new chairperson of COC.

By virtue of the elected post of alumni association, Sri Bimal Ghosh as President, Dr. Saibal Chakrabarty as Secretary, Smt Manisha Choudhury as Joint Secretary and Smt Purabi Bhattacharrya as Treasurer, will be now new Co-Chairperson, Joint Secretaries and Treasurers of the COC respectively.

We were extremely happy to hear from our Chairperson that Smt Ratnabali Chakraborty w/o late Samaresh Chakraborty who was a member of Alumni (Chemical Engg. 1964) has given her consent to utilise Rs 10 lac towards the installation of the lift which donated by her in the memory of her late husband.

# শোক

অতিমারির প্রকোপে অসহায় এই সময়ে আমরা যাদবপুর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাক্তনীরা হারিয়েছি আমাদের অনেক প্রিয় সাখী … যাঁদের চলে যাবার কথা আমরা জেনেছি…

- \* দীপঙ্কর সেনগুপ্ত'৬৯ মেকানিকাল
- \* অজিত কুমার পাল'৫৬ মেকানিকাল
- \* আশীষ বন্দোপাধ্যায়' ৮১ মেকানিকাল
- \* রুপেন্দু গাঙ্গুলী'৬৫ ইলেক্ট্রিকাল
- \* দিলীপ বসু'৬৫ ইলেক্ট্রিকাল
- \* বিশ্বরঞ্জন দেবনাথ'৬২ ইলেক্ট্রিকাল
- \* দেবাশীষ ভট্টাচার্য'৭১ ইলেক্ট্রিকাল
- \* আনন্দ শঙ্কর সেন'৭২ ইলেক্ট্রিকাল
- \* আশুতোষ দেব'৫৯ মেকানিকাল
- \* তাপস কুমার বসাক'৬৯ মেকানিকাল
- \* জয়ন্ত কুমার মিত্র'৭০ সিভিল

এবং এই সাথে আমরা হারিয়েছি অধ্যাপক আনন্দ দেব মুথোপাধ্যায়, অধ্যাপক আলোক রঞ্জন দাশগুপ্ত, অধ্যাপক মানবেন্দ্র বন্দোপাধ্যায়, অধ্যাপক স্বপন মজুমদার, অধ্যাপক স্বপন চক্রবর্তী, অধ্যাপিকা ও সাহিত্যিক নবনীতা দেব সেন এবং প্রিয় অধ্যাপক কবি শঙ্খ ঘোষকেও...

সম্প্রতি আমরা হারালাম প্রখ্যাত সঙ্গীতকার অভিজিৎ বন্দোপাধ্যায়কে ... যিনি দীর্ঘ সময় ধরে আমাদের বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের মিউজিক ক্লাবের সাথে যুক্ত ছিলেন।

এবং খুব অল্প সময়ের ব্যবধানে চলে গেলেন সঙ্গীত জগতের কিংবদন্তি

লতা মঙ্গেশকর \* সন্ধ্যা মুখোপাধ্যায় \* বাপী লাহিডী

এই সব মৃত্যুশোক বুকের গভীরে রক্তক্ষরণের সাথে সাথে এই দুংসহ সময়ের সাথে লড়াই করার জন্যে শপথ নিতে শেখায়...

"Whenever death may surprise us, let it be welcome if our battle cry has reached even one receptive ear and another hand reaches out to take up our arms."



# A SUCCESS STORY FROM OUR DURGAPUR CHAPTER

The seed of D.H.B Road Aurobindo Vidyamandir was sown in 1976 when a few members of Jadavpur University Alumni Association Durgapur Branch envisioned the concept of an English Medium school for the tiny tots of Durgapur. Sri Tripurari Chatterjee, the then President of the Association inspired the members and helped them in many ways to bring about the school.

The effort Sri Chatterjee received concerted support from many others such as Lt Sri Ramlal Bannerjee, Sri A K Mahapatra, Sri Probuddha Bhattacharya, Sri Ashish Das Sharma, Lt Sri Tushar Bhadra, Sri A K Dubey, Sri Vivekananda Bhattacharya, Sri Kalyan Bose, Lt Sri S P Bose, Lt Sri Ganesh Dutta, Sri Asit Kumar Basu who gave concrete shape to the idea. The first step was taken forward when Dr. Gokul Mukherjee, the then G. M of Alloy Steel Plant allotted the house 2A, Kanishka Road to make the beginning.

The name of the school Aurobindo Vidyamandir was suggested by Dr.Gokul Mukherjee because of the link Sri Aurobindo had with Jadavpur University (National Council of Education). Initially the wives of the founding members offered voluntary service. Mrs. Sumita Mukherjee was the first teacher in- charge. With time as the number of students increased the small house was felt not enough for accommodation. So a land was procured on lease from DSP on Harshabardhan Road and the foundation Stone was laid in 1984 by Sri M.C. De Tarafdar, ED, ASP and the then President of the Alumni Association.

Thus in the new building D. H. B Road Aurobindo Vidyamandir began the second lap of its journey with a refreshed dream and vision. The school had some outstanding contributions by Mrs. Namita DharGupta, Sri Debesh Chandra Roy, Sri Suhash Chandra Bhattacharya and Mrs. Aditi Ghosh. At present Mrs. Sarmistha Laha as the Principal and Mrs. Sumita Mishra as the Vice-Principal of the school are making a sincere effort to help the school move ahead with a positive attribution.

(We are extremely happy to share this pride as alumnus of Jadavpur University and our sincere thanks to Sri Timir Dutta of Durgapur Chapter to share this with us.)

শতবর্ষ পার হয়ে আমাদের প্রাক্তনী সংসদ যখন অতিমারির প্রতিকূল অবস্থাতেও উৎসবের জন্যে ব্যাকুল হয়ে উঠেছে তখন এক দীর্ঘ পথ পেরিয়ে এসে শতবর্ষে পা রাখতে চলেছেন আগামী ১৩ই মার্চ ২০২২ ... আমাদের সবার প্রিয় প্রাক্তন ডিন অফ স্টুডেন্টস এবং ডিরেন্টর অফ ইউথ ওয়েলফেয়ার শ্রী হেমেন্দু বিশ্বাস ... বিশ্বাস দা । যাদবপুর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের বুকে যিনি আজ এক জীবন্তু কিংবদন্তি ... ওইদিন সন্ধ্যায় ডঃ ত্রিগুণা সেন অডিটোরিয়ামে এই উপলক্ষ্যে "শতবর্ষে যাদবপুরের বিশ্বাসদা" নামে একটি বই উদ্বোধনের আয়োজন করেছেন সাহিত্য বাসর গোষ্ঠী । প্রাক্তনীর পক্ষ থেকে আমরা বিশ্বাসদার প্রতি জানাই ভালোবাসা, প্রণাম এবং আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন।

> পথের ধারে আমার কারা ওগো পথিক বাঁধন হারা

বঙ্গীয় জাতীয় শিক্ষা পর্ষদ ও যাদবপুর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্রাক্তনীর পক্ষ থেকে সবাইকে জানাই বসন্তের উষ্ণ ভালোবাসা আর অভিনন্দন..