

JU in Sydney

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JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - SYDNEY CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

Hello! Welcome to the first issue of the Jadavpur University Alumni newsletter. This newsletter is dedicated to the activities of the Jadavpur University Alumni, Sydney.

We are glad to initiate a newsletter that will be a platform to discuss the activities and happenings that involve University Alumni members residing in Sydney. We wish to communicate with you from time to time about alumni news and activities.



In this Issue we cover the following

1. Tracing the origins of Jadavpur University
2. JU in Sydney: Recent event: the AGM BBQ
3. New executive committee of JU in Sydney
4. Minutes of Annual AGM
5. Forthcoming Event

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY: Aims and Objectives

- To promote higher education
- Linking traditionally separated subjects to the light of ever changing global scenario
- Explore new dimensions of academic administration free of bureaucratic impediments
- Set up a role model for academic leadership



JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY: ORIGIN AND BEGINNINGS

The National Council of Education was set up in the initial years of the twentieth century. Its primary aim was to impart education- literary, scientific and technical on national lines and exclusively under national control . The foundation of NCE was made possible by the support of the likes of Raja Subodh Chandra Mullick, Brajendra Kishore Roychowdhury and Sir Rash Behari Ghosh, Sri Aurobindo Ghosh and the great poet and Nobel laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore among others. In 1910 the Society for the Promotion of Technical Education in Bengal which looked after Bengal Technical Institute (which later became College of Engineering and Technology, Bengal) was amalgamated to NCE. NCE henceforth looked after the College of Engineering and Technology, Bengal which by 1940 was virtually functioning as a University. After Independence, the Government of West Bengal, with the concurrence of the Govt. of India, enacted the necessary legislation to establish Jadavpur University on the 24th of December 1955. Now Jadavpur University has successfully established itself as a foremost Indian University with a vast repertoire of courses offered, an enviable list of faculty members and has come to be known for its commitment towards advanced study and research.

Generous donations for the great cause of national education came from Raja Subodh Chandra Mallik, after whom the road on which Jadavpur University stands, is named, Brojendra Kishore Roy Choudhury, Maharaja Suryya Kanto Acharya Choudhury and others and National Council of Education (N.C.E.), Bengal proceeded with its programme. Subsequently came a princely bequest of Rs13lakhs from Sir Rashbehari Ghosh, the legendary legal luminary. Calcutta Corporation under the guidance of its Mayor Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das leased out to N.C.E. the present site of Jadavpur Campus where its Engineering College was shifted in 1924. The Aurobindo Building, now housing the administrative offices, used to be the venue of teaching of the Engineering College. Alumni Association N.C.E. Bengal was established in 1921 which later became Alumni Association N.C.E. Bengal and Jadavpur University. This was the first Alumni Association organized by any University in India. It has its Old Boys Home in the University Campus. It is professionally active and generous. It is a pride that many ex-students have excelled in their respective professions and have made dedicated and pioneering contributions to the betterment of the country. The Association dedicated the Indoor Stadium and the Sports Pavilion to the University.

The Alumni Association NCE Bengal and Jadavpur University has branches in all the important cities of India and other countries. United States of America and Australia.

The Sydney Chapter of the Association commenced its function in 1992 with the aim of facilitating interactions between alumni members living in Australia. It also welcomes members from other reputed academic institutions of India such as Indian Institutes of Technology, National Institutes of Technology among others. Currently The Sydney chapter has about 30 members.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-SYDNEY CHAPTER

The Jadavpur University Alumni Association, Sydney Chapter had its Annual General meeting followed by a Barbeque lunch in Bicentennial Park Sydney. The meeting was held on 27th April 2014. This event was well attended despite bad weather and the members and their partners had a good time. A new executive committee was elected in this meeting. Here are a few pictures of the event:



Everyone in the group enjoying the sumptuous barbecue



**Women of JU
in Sydney**

**All
members
having a
great time**





**Chatting over
a cup of tea**

**A new Executive committee was
elected in the Annual General
Committee Meeting held on
Sunday, April 27, 2014.**



THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Members of the new executive committee are as follows :

Sandip Hor (Electrical 1976) -President
(email:sandiphor@hotmail.com)

Krishna Kumar De (Mechanical 1970) -Secretary
(email:krish_de@tpg.com.au)

Pradip Ray (Mechanical 1972) -Treasurer
(email:rpradip@hotmail.com)

Narendra Saha-Chaudhury (Mechanical 1968)- Public Officer (email:n.sahachaudhury@gmail.com)

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee for taking up the reins!

We look forward to an eventful year.



**The minutes and the details of the 2014 AGM
meeting are as follows:**

Date: Sunday 27 April 2014

Time: 2pm

Venue: Bicentennial Park, Victoria Gate Entrance,
Concord West, NSW 2138

Attendees

Sudipta Basu

Asim Das

Krishna Kumar De

Maitreyee De

Sandip Hor

Krishnadas Kundu

Suvra Mitra

Tapan Mitra

Pradip Ray

Tirthankar RayChaudhuri

Naren Saha

Rabin Sarkar

Anannya Singharay

Apologies

Soumava Dey

Mainak Gupta

The minutes were verbally read by Sudipta Basu. They were accepted by all (proposed by Naren Saha and seconded by Krishna Kumar De).

President's speech

Sudipta Basu said it was a relatively quiet year, however, the program arranged at KK/Maitreyee De's place on 29 September 2013 where Sandip Hor gave a travel slides presentation, was appreciated by all.

Annual Accounts

On behalf of the Treasurer, Pradip Ray presented the annual accounts for 2013-14. They were accepted by all (proposed by Naren Saha and seconded by Rabin Sarkar).

Sandip Hor, as the newly elected president, thanked the past executive committee and proposed to re-create the website as a priority.

The annual membership subscription was maintained at \$20 per family

The meeting concluded at 3pm.

The minutes were taken by Asim Das.



JU in Sydney forthcoming event

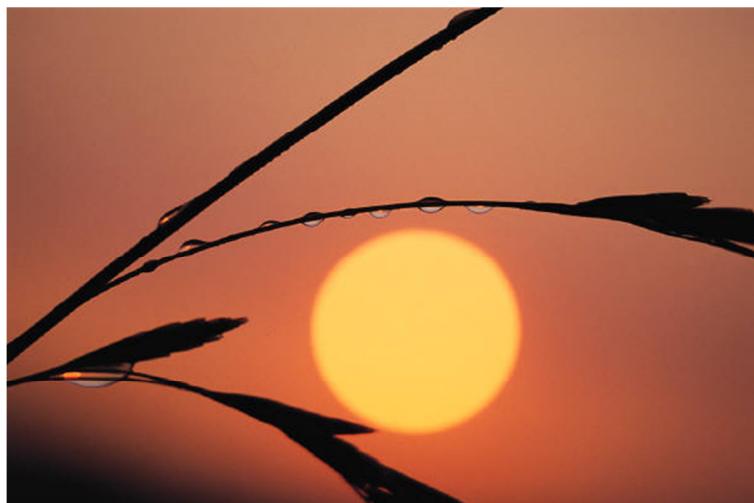
The executive committee of JU Alumni Sydney Chapter 2014/15, during the first committee meeting on 04 May 2014, decided to hold the next get-together followed by dinner and a mini cultural programme of one hour at Suvra and Tapan Mitra's residence as follows:

Hosts: Suvra and Tapan Mitra,

Place: 28, Castleford Terrace, Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768

Date: Saturday, 05 Jul 2014

Time: 1900 hrs. i.e. 7 O'clock in the evening



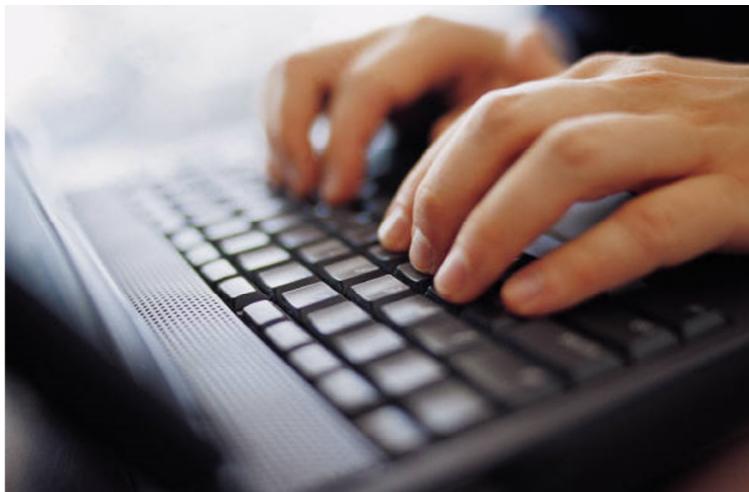
Please confirm your availability by 15 Jun 2014 positively to the Secretary by email krish_de@tpg.com.au

If you would like to participate in the cultural program, please contact Suvra (suvra.mitra@gmail.com) directly.

We take this opportunity to thank Suvra and Tapan for agreeing to host the event at their residence.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to others interested.

A Few Words from the Editor:



It is my great pleasure to welcome all of you to this new forum. I look forward to the cooperation of all members of JUinSydney to make this platform more interesting and meaningful. JUinSydney has a Facebook page now. Here is the link

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/230592533718036/?fref=ts>

All of you are welcome to join the group. What you need to do is to send a request to an existing member and we will add you in.

The Executive Committee invites suggestions for future events and course of action to be taken to effectively engage current and prospective members.

All are requested to be an ambassador of JU and its alumni and to put in best efforts to increase membership and enrolling new members.

We welcome suggestions and feedback in matters pertaining to be newsletter. Please help us to make this forum a vibrant and interactive one.

That is all for today. We look forward to bringing more Alumni news to you in our next issue.

We also look forward to your participation in upcoming events.

Thank you and Goodbye

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