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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members,

I am happy that we have revived publishing "The Newsletter" every month from July 2016 onwards, which informs our members about current activities and future programmes of the Alumni Association. Our "News Bulletin" is being published annually in March instead of biannually. A major activity of ours is to provide assistance to financially handicapped students of our Alma Mater University.

This year we have granted about Rs. 47 lakhs. This huge sum of money has been collected by contribution from our donors and various other bodies. We are thankful to all of them. We have also awarded gold plated silver medals with citations to 62 toppers of different disciplines of Jadavpur University.

Different activities like Annual Drama, Annual Social, Annual Picnic, Memorial Lectures and Seminars, various Musical programmes etc. are regularly held with the help of our various sub-committees.

We continue to receive your involvement and encouragement. Yet, there are many things which are to be done. The burning issue is to take up the infrastructure development work. Our Association building is in need of a lift. I appeal to each of you to consider your financial support for this cause.

I convey my hearty thanks to the office bearers, members of the Executive Committee and the members of the different Sub-committees for rendering their services for the cause of the Association.

With best wishes.

Subodh Kumar Bhattacharyya
President

FROM THE CHAIRMAN, PUBLICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Alumni Association will be celebrating hundred years of its existence on 1st January 2021. The journey during this long period has been very uneven. Although it had been helping National Council financially since its inception, a few decades ago the Alumni Association itself faced such a financial crisis that it virtually came on the verge of closing down. It was only due to the tireless effort by the Late Prof. Triguna Sen and the Late Prof. Hem Chandra Guha that made the association not only come out of the crisis but also gain an inertia to help its existence even today.

Almost from the beginning the Association began to help needy students with a small financial assistance. This has now become one of the major programmes of the Association.

The Association has another programme to help the students. With the funds provided by Washington Chapter it runs an activity called – "Earn While You Learn" where the students clean the university campus for few hours a week helping them to earn some pocket money.

The programmes where the members and their families find an opportunity to interact with each other has also increased many fold. Initially there was only one programme "All day Social" which provided such an opportunity. Now there are many such programmes like Picnic, Steamer Party, Barsha Utsav, Basanta Utsav, Annual Drama, Seminars and Memorial Lectures etc.

The Association also keeps regular contact with the branches/chapters abroad. The progress in different spheres has been quite impressive.

Our membership has not kept pace with pass outs till date. However, during last couple of years it has been observed that enrolment of younger life members has picked up which is a very good sign for the health of our Alumni Association.

With Best Wishes,
Asit Baran Pal

Chairman – Publication Sub-committee

Dr. Triguna Sen

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015-2016 & THE ELECTION OUTCOME

In the AGM, that was held on Saturday, 21st May 2016 the following Office bearers for the period 2016-2018 were elected..



L-to-R: Purabi Bhattacharya '71 Ben(Treasurer), Prabir Kr Choudhury '72 EE (Secretary), Subodh Kr. Bhattacharya '61 CE, (President), Bimal Ch Ghosh '69 EE (Vice-President) Dr. Saibal Chakraborty'04 CE (Jt. Secretary)

Group Photo of Our Office Staff



L-to-R: Raju Mandal, Tamal Sardar, Subir Mukherjee, Pankaj Ray, Basudeb Banerjee, Subrata Mukherjee, Phatick Chakrabarty. (Bablu Mondal, Pankaj Mandal and Uttam Mandal were not present on that day)

LANDMARK EVENT – INAUGURATION OF ROOF TOP SOLAR PV POWER PLANT

The 12 KW capacity Grid Connected Roof Top Solar PV Power Plant on the roof of Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium has been successfully commissioned. The project, being an environment friendly power project reducing the carbon footprint, is a land mark activity! The project has two fold benefits viz attempt to reduce carbon foot-print and also saving of our power bills.

The formal inauguration ceremony of this project was held on Thursday, 15th December 2016. Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University inaugurated the programme. This project was the brainchild of Prof Asit Mitra and Sri Jatis Chandra Chakrabarti, our ex-Presidents and was ably brought to fruition by the untiring efforts of Sri Jatin Rudra, our member with much needed support from Sri S.P.Gon Choudhury, our member.

ANOTHER LAND MARK ACTIVITY is our now renovated and dynamic website achieved through the dogged efforts of Kalyan Kumar Das '63 ChE, and Samar Bhattacharyya '76EE and the members of the sub-committee. This is reported more fully below.

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

Alumni Association, NCE Bengal & Jadavpur University celebrated its 97th Foundation Day on 19th Jan. 2017. It's a tradition to felicitate one of our senior alumni members on this auspicious day. This year felicitation was made to one of our past Presidents Sri Rasendu Bhusan Putatunda who has contributed immensely to this association for many years. Celebrations began with Tagore song, "Anandoloke Mongolaloke" sung by Barnali Kar, Dipa Ray, Mita Mukherjee, Mohua Banerjee & Banani Sengupta

Two consecutive hilarious one-act plays named "Ferot Chai" directed by Sm. Sukriti Lahori and "Jola Aar Saat Bhut" directed by Sri Soumitra Basu, (Professional groups) were staged in Dr.Triguna Sen auditorium on this occasion.



Annual Convocation of Jadavpur University

61st Annual Convocation of Jadavpur University was held at the University Open Air Theatre on the main campus on 24th December 2016.

Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AITCE addressed the convocation as the Guest-in-Chief.

Shri K.N.Tripathi, His Excellency the Governor of West Bengal and Chancellor of Jadavpur University presided over the function.

The ceremonial procession of the alumni entered the open air theatre when opening song Vande Mataram was sung. The Annual Convocation was preceded by a Special Convocation where the Chancellor conferred the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Shri Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and on Shri Rudraprasad Sengupta; and the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on Shri Tapan Mishra, Shri Ashutosh Sharma, and Shri Kasturi Lal Chopra.



Students Assistance and Award Sub-Committee Programmes

The Students' Financial Assistance Programmes were held in November 2016 to award financial assistance to 629 students for the academic year 2016-17. Total disbursement for this academic year (2016-17) was around Rs.47 lakh, out of which the endowment funds contribute nearly Rs.11 lakh, yearly contribution from the various alumni chapters and well wishers came to around Rs 23 lakh. A very major contribution is from the Anant Education Initiative who have been supporting us with around Rs 15 lakhs yearly towards 250 students. The list of donors for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Donor	Amount(Rs.)
Ratnabali Chakrabarti	1,000,000
Alberta Chapter	24,270
Ambarish Dasgupta	15,000
Benoy Kumar Kar (61EE)	11,111
Biren K Mallick (64 CE)	3,000
Ramakrishna Jaidyal Dalmia	120,000
Debasish Dasgupta (68 EE)	3,000
Dipak Kumar Paul (72 ChE)	20,001
Dulal Bhattacharya (61 ME)	10,000
Gaurisri Datta(65 Math)	100,000
Hyderabad Chapter	25,000
IIM Kolkata Alumni Association	72,000
Kartik Prasad Basu (61 EE)	40,000
Kumaresh Sinha (61 CE)	59,611
Monjira & Rithik Putatunda	20,000
Mridul Das (Kuwait)	48,000
Nikhilesh Mukhopadhyay (66 Chem)	5,000
Nilanjan Bhadury (92 CSE)	150,000
Nivedita Basu	40,000
Partha Sarathi Bhattacharya (74 Phy)	20,000
Prabir Kumar Kundu (60 ME)	12,000
Pradip Sensarma (UAE Chapter)	52,000
Preetam Singh Chawla (64 Chem)	20,000
Prof. Dr. Gita Roy (95 (PhD)History)	6,000
Team Raha Ideation Pvt.Ltd.	20,000
Rajat Kumar Sen (67 EE)	12,000
Ranjit Chakravorti (61 Chem)	25,000
Ranjit Sengupta (61 ME)	20,000
Rotary Club Mid-town Trust	60,750
Sankar Nath Maulik (69 ME)	7,500
Prof Santanu Das	60,000
Sunburst System (Mr. AD Singh)	50,000
Tirthankar Ghosh (80 Chemistry)	172,000
Titagarh Wagons Ltd	100,000

Award ceremony for 111-Higher amount awardees was held on 16th November 2016. Sri Jatish Chandra Chakrabarti, past president of JUAA gave away the awards; awards to the students sponsored by Titagarh Wagons Ltd (TWL) were given away by Ms Rashmi Choudhary, Head of CSR Wing of TWL with whom AA has signed a MOU this year wherein TWL will support meritorious and needy students each year.

On 21st November 2016 for 268-Normal amount awardees; Dr. Satyaki Bhattacharya, Controller of Examination, JU gave away the awards; awards sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Mid-town were also handed over by the Rotary President Rtn. Yogesh Gupta and member, Dr. Veerbal Mehta.

On 22nd November 2016 for 122 fresh Anant Education Initiative (AEI) awardees (out of 250); Dr Rajat Ray, Dean of Students graced the occasion and gave away the awards including AEI Representatives, Mr. Arvind Sood and Mr. Radhakrishnan. AEI sponsors 250 students each year.

Medal Presentation Ceremony:

Presentation ceremony for the award of the merit medals and certificates to the toppers of the university students was held on 30.01.2017. 62nos. gold plated silver medals were awarded to:

- Toppers of 2nd year university exams of Arts, Science and Engineering faculties—29 students received Indu Bhusan Putatunda and Shanti Sudha Putatunda Memorial Award funded by their son, Sri Rasendu Bhusan Putatunda, 1958 ME
- Toppers of 3rd year exams of Engineering Faculty-- 17 students received Mira Rani Mitra Memorial Award funded by Sri Gautam Mitra, 1962 EE
- Toppers of 1st year university exams of Science faculty-- 4 students received Ashima and Binoy Krishna Bhattacharyya Memorial Award funded by the son Sri Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya, 1974 Physics.
- Toppers of 1st year university exams of Arts faculty—10 students received Bimal Bhusan Dutta Memorial Award funded by his brother, Sri Bijoy Bhusan Dutta, 1951 EE.
- Toppers of 1st year university exams of Engineering faculty- 2 students received Dr. Dilip Kumar Paul '61 ETCE Memorial Award funded by his wife Mrs. Alakananda Paul, '61 ETCE and his friend and batchmate Dr. Jayanta Banerjee '61 ETCE.

Appeal for Donation:

Appeal is being made to all members for more funds, preferably as endowments or donations, to support this activity and for enhancement of stipend amounts in future. Endowments are also invited for the award of merit medals to UGI-Engg who have remained uncovered, except for Mechanical Engg and ETCE. **Donations by Indian nationals can be made by account payee cheque drawn in favour of 'Alumni Association, NCE Bengal & JU-A/c student award'.** Donations by foreign nationals can be made by account payee cheque drawn in favour of 'Alumni Association, NCE Bengal & JU' or directly into FCRA A/c No. 33643042253 in SBI, JU branch (IFSC Code SBIN000093; swift code SBI N/N BB 106). All donations are eligible for tax benefit u/s 80G of IT Act.



Social Sub-Committee Report (2016-2017)

Barsha Utsav : Barsha Utsav was celebrated on 7th August 2016 at the University Guest House. It was a gathering of more than 150 participants including alumnus, their spouses, friends, children who participated in high spirit.

All Day Social : The fun-filled programme was held at University ground on the last Sunday of the year, which was 25th December 2016. The day started with breakfast over aadda. A post lunch session was held in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium where members from various chapters, India and abroad shared their thoughts and ideas on how to enhance alumni activities.



Annual Picnic : The annual picnic was organized this year in Taki on 19th February 2017. Around 40 members with their spouses and friends joined the programme to enjoy nature to the fullest by the side of the river Ichhamati. A lovely time spent together during all the day. It was a wonderful picnic



Basanta Utsav : A festival of celebrating Spring – the idea and its actualization, first of its kind, was held on Sunday, 19th March '17 at the meeting hall of alumni association building. Over 90 members with their family and friends had joined the programme. It was followed by the tongue pampering lunch at the roof-top.



Cultural Sub-Committee Report (2016-2017)

Swarna-juger Gaan : It was Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium on 23rd September 2016 at 6.00PM when singers Smt. Sutapa Bhattacharya and Sri Gaurav Sarkar performed brilliantly with popular old songs of renowned Bengali artists of yesteryears.

Annual Drama : The annual drama "Jai Ma Kali Boarding", a hilarious one, directed by our member Sri Jatin Rudra, was staged in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium on 19th November 2016 evening. It was performed by members of the alumni association. Every aspect of the drama including direction, acting, stage-decoration, light, sound was just superb! The auditorium was overflowing with more than three hundred and twenty euphoric audience.

Purattoni – Matir Gaan : A musical programme was organised on 18th March 2017 at 6.00 PM in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium – it was

dedicated to the memory of the eminent Bengali folk artist Kalikaprasad Bhattacharya, on his sudden sad demise. Our member Smt Purabi Bhattacharya who knew Kalikaprasad personally spoke a few words about him. Smt. Swati Nandi started with "Nidhubabur Toppa" and after presenting various other songs concluded with the song on "Holi". Sri Tirtha Bhattacharya, a folk singer, presented Baul, Bhatiali, Lalan Fakir's and other folk songs with his group "Satirtha". Through his performance he kept the audience spellbound. On his request Smt Purabi Bhattacharya performed beautifully on stage a 'Bihu' song. It was a very enjoyable evening for the audience.

Earn While You Learn (EWYL) Programme

Fresh students were inducted in EWYL work force during September 2016 when various cleaning, safety and protection equipment were also procured. The work for cleaning the university premises started on 21st and 26th October 2016. Subsequently such work was systematically carried out every week. Mr. Asamanja Datta, President North Carolina chapter of JUAA came to Kolkata and was kind enough to join the EWYL programme on 23rd November 2016



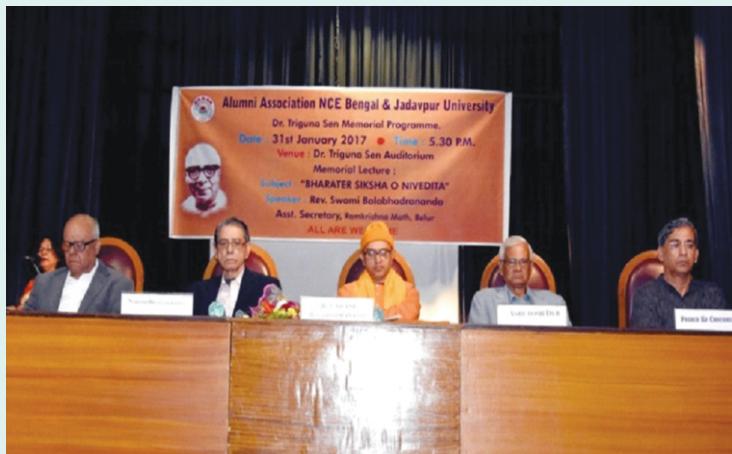
Memorial & Seminar Programmes

Prof. Hem Chandra Guha Annual Memorial Programme was held on 8th August 2016 in Dr.Triguna Sen Auditorium. The speech titled 'Innovation - The Currency of Tomorrow' was interestingly delivered by Sri Aloke Mookherjea, '59 EE , Alumnus of JU, Past Chairman CII(ER) Past President Bengal Chamber (BCCI), and Ex-Consul for Sweden.

On 12th November 2016 a memorial lecture on Prof. Hiralal Roy was organized on his 127th birth anniversary at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.

The Memorial Lecture titled "Hiralal Roy and National Education" was delivered by Dr. Chittabrata Palit, Director, Institute of Historical Studies in Kolkata.

A Memorial Programme on Dr. Triguna Sen was held on 31st January 2017. It started at the Green Zone with Devotional songs by Sm. Subha Mukhopadhyay, Sm. Banani Sengupta, Sm. Mahua Banerjee and Miss Anihita, followed by garlanding of the statue of Dr. Triguna Sen and offering of floral tributes by members present. After the invocation song by Sm. Subha Mukhopadhyay and the welcome address by the Sri Subodh Bhattacharya, the President and Sri Ashutosh Deb, the Chairman Memorial & Seminar sub-committee, the Chief Guest Rev. Swami Balabhadrananda, Asst. Secretary, Ramakrishna Math, Belur delivered a lecture on Sister Nivedita and her pioneering contribution towards women's education in Bengal.



Information & Communication Sub-Committee

Our long cherished renovated and dynamic Website: www.hqalumniju.org.in was launched on 4th September,2016 on the auspicious day of "Ganesh Chaturthi".

- Information like 'About Us', 'Executive Committee', 'Sub-Committees', 'Monthly News' (News Letters) , 'Upcoming' and 'Earlier Events', etc. are uploaded.
- Current Life Members' strength is approx. 3600.
- All Events and photographs of recently organised functions are regularly uploaded.

Members are requested to visit our Website. For any clarifications or suggestions for any improvement in the quality of the renovated Website, please do write to: Chairman/Convenor of Information & Communication Sub-Committee vide following Web Mail.

Webmail ID: admin@hqalumniju.org.in

Chapter Co-ordination Report

Regular interactions are made with Alumni Chapters spread all over the world and within the country and have been reported regularly in our Monthly Newsletters. Quite a good number of alumni members from other Chapters in India and abroad visited us during this period.

In our Annual All Day Social a strong contingent was represented and valuable suggestions made in an interactive session during the post lunch period.



Interaction with Branch and Chapter members at the Auditorium

We feel very happy to say that quite a large number of alumni members from other chapters of JUAA visited us during this period, namely Jahar Bhattacharya ('66 ME) from New York, USA); Jiben Bhattacharya('59 ME), Sunith Lahiri ('72 EE) & Siddhartha Sen-Chowdhury ('69 Ch. E) from London UK who attended functions held by our alumni HQ and JU. Sanjoy Sengupta ('91 Ch. E) from Muscat; Oman, Dibyendu Chakraborty ('91 ME) & Col. S.K. Jana ('65 Masters Physics) from Mumbai chapter, Debasish Gangopadhyay ('70 BME) from Jamshedpur, Deepro Basu ('90) and Asamanja Dutta ('70 EE), from North Carolina, USA came to our office & met our President and Secretary.

Apart from this our All-day-social event on 25th Dec. 2016 was attended by Dipak Basu (1957 EE) from Montreal, Canada, Ajay Kumar Banerji (1961 ME) from Delhi, Amal Shankar Roy (1968 ME) from Mumbai, Siddhartha Sen-Chowdhury (1969 Ch. E) from London UK, Soumen Ghosh (1979 EE) from San Jose, California, Ratan Das (1981 EE) from Dover De, USA & Molay Bhadra (1993 CE) from London, UK.

We arranged for an audio-visual presentation, titled "Travel Tales Across Six Continents" by Sandip Hor President of JUAA Sydney chapter in Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium on 31st January, 2017. Krish De ('70), Secretary Sydney chapter was also present there.

It will be of interest to all that a fledgling Chapter is in the process of formation in Atlanta Georgia Anil Chakrabarti „61 EE, reported from JU Alumni, Georgia and vicinity area that their first meeting was held on 25th March "17 with over 50 alumni members and their families. We wish them all success in their endeavour.

JUAA HQ President Subodh Bhattacharya and Chairman of Chapter co-ordination sub-committee, Asok Sinha went to meet members of JUAA Asansol-Burnpur chapter on 8th April, 2017. They had a very cordial meeting and exchange of thought on alumni activities at prestigious Burnpur club. Thanks to Sanjay Sarkar (Constr. Engg. 2000) for taking initiative in arranging the meeting. A group photo is attached here :



Members of JUAA Asansol - Burnpur Chapter with the President & Sri Ashok Sinha

We are deeply appreciative and acknowledge the contribution of Chapters and Branches towards the causes of the Association, especially the Students' Assistance, the Solar Power Project, EWYL activities, Memorials, Seminars, Social, Cultural and in the other activities of our Association.

The Association deeply regrets the sad demise of the following members during the period April 2016 to March 2017

Debabrata Roy '58 ME	expired on 02-06-2016
Rajendra Narayan Banerjee '61 ME	expired on 03-07-2016
Samaresh Nath Bhaduri '51 ME	expired on 13-11-2016
Kumaresh Mukherjee '61 EE	expired on 10-01-2017
Manish Kumar Dasgupta '65 EE	expired on 13-01-2017
Prof. Nitish Naryan Roy '46 EE	expired on 25-01-2017
Jayanta Bandaphadya ' 61 ME	expired on 22-02-2017

We pray for the peace of their departed souls and offer our heartfelt condolences to their families.

NOTE

KYM (Know Your Member)

An appeal to every member of our Association: Please check the correctness of the record available with JU Alumni Office with regard to your a) Email ID, b) Mobile no., c) Postal Address.

Kindly update it with a note addressed to the Secretary. This is especially important if you discover that you have not been receiving electronically the Monthly Newsletter or the hard copy annual Bulletin

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