



ALUMNI NEWS

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After an agonising delay winter finally set foot in Kolkata leaving all of us delirious with joy! Suitably clad in woollies we enjoyed the Christmas festival when the restaurants on Kolkata's iconic Park Street joined in the fun by giving their frontages a festive look. Though it's always buzzing, Park Street gets more festive in December with illumination and murals for Christmas and for welcoming the New Year.

The added fun for all JU alumni/alumnae was our own All Day Social on last Sunday of the year which coincided this time with Christmas day.

LANDMARK EVENT

Members of the Alumni Association always strive for something new and beneficial, be it cultural, social or of national interest. Fossil-fuel based power plants generate substantial green house gases that lead to undesirable effects on global climate change. In fact the phenomenon of global warming and the reason thereof is not unknown possibly to any person today. Renewable energy will help balance the adverse effects on global climate change. Needless to say that the solar energy is the best form of Renewable energy and internationally admitted as one of the most environment friendly sources of power generation. Under this backdrop, the Alumni Association took a decision that if a grid connected roof-top Solar PV Power Plant could be installed at their initiative on the available roof area of their Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium, it could be a humble attempt of their awareness towards reducing the carbon foot-print. The Project could also be studied by the students of Jadavpur University, if needed as a model eco-friendly grid connected Roof Top Solar PV Power Plant.

Accordingly 12 KW capacity Grid Connected Roof Top Solar PV Power Plant on the roof of Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium with Net Metering System was installed and started functioning in June 2016.

Alumni Association celebrated the formal Inauguration Ceremony of the 12 KW capacity Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Project on Thursday 15th December 2016.

Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The programme started with the visit to the solar plant on the roof top of the auditorium followed by an invocation song by Dr Anindya Narayan Biswas, lighting of lamp and felicitation of the dignitaries. After the Welcome address by Shri Subodh Bhattacharyya, President, Alumni Association, Shri Swapan Chakraborty, our member and Sri Jatin Rudra who piloted the entire project addressed the gathering and provided details. Shri Jatis Chakrabarti, Chairman, Solar Project Task Force spoke about the conception and execution of the project. The project has two fold benefits viz attempt to reduce carbon foot-print and also saving of our power bills.

After inaugural speech by Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University, a very interesting discussion was held on "Harvesting of Solar Energy for Better Environment" by eminent personalities like Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board; Dr. Anindya Narayan Biswas, IAS Special Secretary, Deptt of Power and NES, Govt. of West Bengal; Prof. (Dr) S. P. Gon Choudhury, Renowned Solar Scientist and our alumnus.

Vote of thanks was given by Sri Prabir Choudhury, Secretary, Alumni Association.

High tea with refreshment was arranged. In the audience, there were good number of our members, teachers and students of the University. This was a successful programme. The project was implemented by M/s Nippon Power Ltd, of Kolkata whose senior representatives were also present.

A few snaps of the function:



ANNUAL CONVOCATION

61st Annual Convocation of Jadavpur University was held at the University Open Air Theatre of 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, attended by the President, the Secretary and many senior members entered the open air theatre to the strains of Vande Mataram. **A most remarkable feature was the presence of our senior most alumni member, Prof. A. K. Chatterjee (1935 EE) who at over 104 years of age came by himself by public transport (auto rickshaw) from his home unaided by any walking stick. Incredible!!!**

The Convocation was preceded by a Special Convocation where the Chancellor conferred the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Shri Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, the distinguished historian, Shri Rudraprasad Sengupta, the celebrated personality in the field of the performing arts, the Degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) on Shri Tapan Mishra, Shri Ashutosh Sharma, esteemed scientists, Shri Kasturi Lal Chopra, renowned space scientist.

Over 3500 students from different disciplines were awarded undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees.

The Vice-Chancellor in his address put emphasis on maintaining balance between traditional and emerging fields of knowledge and to cultivate an interdisciplinary approach to the learning process. He also expressed satisfaction over the various activities of the Alumni Association with special reference to the Students Assistance Programme.

The Association made arrangements for snacks to be served to the members who attended.

A few snaps of the 61st Annual Convocation:



ALL DAY SOCIAL 2016

ALL DAY SOCIAL, the gala event was organised by Social sub-committee at the University ground on 25th December 2016. The venue was relaxed, cool and refreshing with an easy going vibe throughout the day. The day started with breakfast over addha. Then *walking race* in different age groups of men brought the spirit amongst all the participants. It was followed by an exclusive *walking race by the ladies*. Next item in sports was the game of *Passing the Pillow* with mixed crowd. Subsequent party game for ladies was *Musical Chair* where the lack in speed and reaction time was a constant source of merrymen – it was simple, fun and fast to play. Participation from various Branch and Chapters added a special attraction.

Immediately after the sports was over cultural activities started with impromptu songs, recitation, narration by individual members. The program absorbed the attention of everyone present.

In the meantime a queue formed near the long tables for variety of dishes to pick and choose to create a great meal that satisfied everyone to the core. Once lunch got over everyone assembled inside Dr. Triguna Sen auditorium where the members from various Branch and Chapters introduced themselves and shared their individual thoughts and ideas on how to enhance alumni activities towards strengthening mutual benefit. They also nicely expressed their feelings for attending this program. Shri Ashok Kumar Sinha, Chairman, Chapter co-ordination sub-committee spoke about enhancing mutual co-operation for better understanding. He spoke about the tremendous help Alumni members especially in the USA and UK provided to young graduates arriving for the first time in these foreign lands in finding their initial footings.

Then an interesting housie game made everyone quite engrossed. When the lottery draw was conducted the auditorium ambience was full of suspense that broke into humour subsequently. It was a real fun and excitement all through the day that ended with sip of hot tea.

Transport arrangement was made for Prof. A. K. Chatterjee, our senior most alumni member, referred to earlier, to attend the programme and grace the occasion. Really amazing for someone who is more than 104 years of age!!

A few moments of the day are captured.





STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND AWARD PROGRAMME (2016 – 2017)

The Student Assistance and Award Sub-Committee disbursed Rs.824,000/- to 341 awardees as stipend for Q2 of 2016-17.

Stipends to 38 awardees were withheld due to their absence during the award ceremony and for problems with bank account and other reasons. Out of these, stipends to 32 students amounting to Rs.86,000/- has being cleared for payment. This leaves 6 whose awards are likely to be cancelled.

Award of gold plated silver merit medals to the toppers in the yearly examination in 2016 of all faculties of JU is scheduled on 30th January 2017. List of the toppers has been received from the Controller of Examinations.

BUDHER AADDA

Budher Aadda is held on every Wednesday at 5.30PM in the Meeting Hall of the Association. Members participated enthusiastically on all Wednesdays when various topics were discussed other than usual aadda.

SHANIBAARER AASAR

Shanibaarer Aasar which was supposed to be held on 31st Dec 2016 was cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances. However, it will be held on 28th Jan 2017 as usual on the last Saturday of each month.

NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members have enrolled their names during 25th Nov 2016 to 21st Dec 2016:

Mr. Partha Chakraborti	1995	Civil Engg	Dr. Prajnamoy Pal	1989	B.Sc
Mr. Manab Chatterjee	1988	B. Pharm	(Chem)		
Prof. Uttam Raychaudhuri	1976	Chen Engg	Mr. Arijit Das	2011	M CS Engg
Mr. Arup Mukherjee	1978	B. Pharm	Mr. Prabir Kr. Paul	1968	Chem Engg
Ms. Anwesha Sen	2006	Soc.	Mr. Debal Chakraborty	1986	Inst. Engg
Mr. Avijit Dhali	2008	Chem Engg	Mr. Samir Mukhopadhyay	1984	MA (English)
Mr. Achintya Saha	1992	B. Pharm	Mr. Chandra Chudha Bhattacharyya	2015	Const. Engg

DONATIONS RECEIVED

The following donations were received during the period from 25th Nov 2016 to 21st Dec 2016:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown	Rs.60,750/-	Student Assistance
Prabir Kumar Kundu	Rs.12,000/-	Student Assistance
Alumni Association Hyderabad	Rs. 25,000/-	Student Assistance
Titagarh Wagons Ltd	Rs.1,00,000/-	Student Assistance
Sunburst Systems Pvt. Ltd	Rs.15,000/-	Student Assistance
Kumares Ch. Sinha '61 CE	\$ 900(Dollars)	Student Assistance
Alumni Association Buddher Adda	Rs.1,000/-	All Day Social
Dipti De '72 Sans	Rs.50/-	All Day Social
Kanai Lal Pal '71 Ch.E	Rs.5,000/-	All Day Social

NEWS FROM BRANCH/ CHAPTER

- We feel very happy that quite a number of alumni members from other chapters of JUAA visited us during this period, namely Shri Jahar Bhattacharya (1966 ME) from New York, USA; Shri Jiben Bhattacharya (1959 ME), Shri Sunith Lahiri (1972 EE) & Shri Siddhartha Sen-Chowdhury (1969 Ch.E) from London, UK who attended functions held by our alumni HQ and JU.
- Shri Sanjoy Sengupta (1991 Ch. E) came from Muscat, Oman to our office & met our Secretary.
- Our All-Day-Social event on 25th Dec. 2016 was attended by:
Shri Dipak Basu (1957 EE) from Montreal, Canada
Shri Ajoy Kumar Banerji (1961 ME) from Delhi
Shri Amal Shankar Roy (1968 ME) from Mumbai
Shri Siddhartha Sen Chowdhury (1969 Ch. E) from London UK
Shri Soumen Ghosh (1979 EE) from San Jose, California
Shri Ratan Das (1981 EE) from Dover De, USA
Shri Molay Bhadra (1993 CE) from London, UK.

There was a special slot for them at 2.30 PM in the auditorium when they made self-introduction to other members present and informed about their various activities in their respective locations. Everybody enjoyed the interactions. We would like to convey our thanks to all of them.

- We would like to post here photos of Shri Siddhartha Sen Chowdhury from London, UK and Shri Sanjoy Sengupta from Muscat, Oman.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Social Sub-Committee is arranging the **Annual Picnic** on Sunday **12th Feb 2017** at Dhamakhali. The applicable charges and other details are being worked out which will be informed in due course. However, all members are hereby requested to please **lock this date** for participation with family and friends.

MILESTONE

Dr. Debangshu Ray, Director, Institute of Business Management for the period from Dec 2014 to Nov 2016 has been appointed as Registrar of Kalyani University on 30th Nov 2016.
He is an alumnus of Jadavpur University ('93 MA Economics; PhD from Jadavpur University 1998).

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker & Performer</u>
1 st Jan 2017	Acharya Satish Chandra Mukhopadhyay Memorial Lecture On "Satish Chandrer Manon O Jaapon"	Prof. Anamika Chattopadhyay
8 th Jan 2017	Malinbala Dutta Memorial Lecture on "Baidik Kabyo"	Prof. Deedhiti Biswas
15 th Jan 2017	Taraknath Das Memorial Lecture on "Vandemataram O Mahakalee"	Prof. Suswagata Bandopadhyay
22 nd Jan 2017	Sumitra Choudhury Memorial Lecture on "Aagamikal Teyishe January"	Prof. Purabi Roy
29 th Jan 2017	Soumyendranath Brahmachari Memorial Lecture on (1) Acharya Soumyendranath Smarone Sangeetanjali (2) "Maanush Garaar Kaarigor"	Shri Debaprasad Bandopadhyay Shri Tarun Goswami

Got a minute?

Contributed by Prof. Dr. Jyotirmoy Banerjee ('68 IR)

Road sign in front of a University entrance:
**"Students crossing,
DRIVE SLOW!"**

Scribbled underneath: *"Wait for the professors!"*

STOP PRESS: Alumni members to note and attend the reunion of ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OVER THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7

WE LIVE IN THE WORLD WHEN WE LOVE IT

Rabindranath Tagore