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February reminds us that winter is abating and with gradual rising temperature *Spring*, the season of love steps in. Cuckoo seems to be more than happy when it awakens us with its melodious voice and ushers in a new morning for us. Spring is the time when concrete jungle turns into a colourful landscapes because of blooming trees and flowers. So let's get ready to welcome the best season of nature to celebrate the season of love in sparkling colour!

ANNUAL PICNIC

It was a Sunday morning on 19th February 2017 when the alumni members, their family and friends assembled at Gate no. 3 of the University from where all got into the bus arranged for commuting to the picnic spot. The destination was TAKI, Basirhat, a place worth breathing fresh air by the side of the river Ichhamati. It was all together 36-participants each of which contributed Rs.550/-. The Social sub-committee who arranged the picnic efficiently set the mood for picnic when Singara, Jilipi and tea greeted everyone in the bus itself. The journey started at about 8.20 AM. It took around 3-hours to reach the destination. Three rooms were booked in Taki Poursabha Tourist Lodge for getting freshened up and resting. A soft gentle breeze greeted all on reaching the picnic spot. Adding to the charm Luchi, Alurdom, Sweets and Tea were served for breakfast! It was a beautiful place where one can really enjoy nature to the fullest while visiting various places of interest. A few 'Toto's, the local mode of conveyance, were hired in groups for sight seeing. With the advent of science photo session was a continuous activity by individual with the help of Smartphone other than occasional clicks of dedicated camera. By the time when everyone returned, a sumptuous lunch was ready. Menu included bhaat, dal, begun-bhaja, fulkopi-alur dalna, maachher jhol, pnaathar maanso, tometor chutney! After such an exquisitely delicious, mouth-watering lunch the group got fragmented – some decided to take rest being horizontal, so they occupied the rooms in the tourist lodge. A few enthusiastically spent the time by singing and making fun, so they gathered together in the balcony. And those interested in enjoying the nature set off together in a boat for sailing through Ichhamati River, which is a trans-boundary river flowing through India and Bangladesh and also forms the boundary between the two countries.

The return journey commenced at about 4.20PM.

There was no dearth of enjoyment even on the move when participants indulged themselves in singing, clapping and dancing in the bus. A lovely time spent together, but all good things must come to an end.

It was a wonderful picnic - memories may fade as the years go by but they won't age a day.

Everyone in the Social sub-committee contributed to its success, however special thank goes to Smt.. Mahashweta Ganguly ('72 Beng) and Sri Sumit Chakrabarti ('99 Pharm) who took special interest by proactively visiting the picnic spot a few days in advance to ensure overall feasibility and comfort of the people. In one of the Budher Aadda, Sri Prabir Chowdhury, the Secretary expressed a warm admiration to them when all members applauded by clapping hands.

A few snaps of the picnic are given below



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

Jadavpur University blossomed from the strong nationalist sentiments of 1905-06 when the National Council of Education came into being to impart education on national lines. Jadavpur University was established on 24th December 1955 from its predecessor – College of Engineering and Technology, Bengal. Today JU is one of the foremost Universities in the country, known for its commitment towards advanced studies and research.

On the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebration an alumni felicitation event was held on 20th February 2017 at 11.00 AM at Gandhi Bhavan. Professor Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University in his inaugural speech welcomed Mr. Ved Prakash, UGC Chairman, the Chief Guest in the function. Prof. Das also appreciated the great role undertaken by the alumni association of the University towards providing students assistance on a regular basis.

Mr. Ved Prakash in his speech expressed that the country should evolve its own system of rankings rather than judging an Indian Institute of higher education by its ability to figure among the global top 100. He emphasized that in the current education system India needs to look into its own weakness duly reducing the overwhelming bureaucratic burden while the universities must be free from external control. As regard his concept and formula of emerging as a world-class research intensive university he opined the need to remove fragmentation of institutions – there can't be a standalone university – the boundaries that have been created by fragmenting the higher education must be dissolved, Mr. Ved Prakash also spoke on creating a differential tuition fee structure enabling solvent people to pay a higher tuition fee, while the less fortunate should be made to pay a subsidized amount.

The prestigious Alumni Award was conferred by Mr. Ved Prakash to 34 eminent Alumni/Alumnae in various fields for their exceptional achievement. Quite a few of them are Life Member of Alumni Association.

A few snaps of the programme are given below



Santipada Gon Chaudhuri '70 EE



Shyamal Gupta '59 ME

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

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1. Monthly News for the month of January 2017 has been uploaded in Website
2. All upcoming Events have been uploaded
3. Nine (9) Webmails have been created for different Sub-Committees for those who are required to correspond with external bodies . A list of respective Webmail IDs and corresponding Passwords have been handed over to Honorary. Secretary for his onward sharing with the concerned Chairmen/Convenors of the Sub-Committees.
4. Current Life Members' strength is approx. 4700+.
Out of these, approx. 4400 nos. Life Members enlisted till October 2016 were uploaded in Membership Page in the Website. Rest of the new Life Members will be uploaded in Website as early as possible.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND AWARDS PROGRAMME (2016 – 2017)

Alumni Association disbursed third quarterly stipends amounting to Rs.913,000/- directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

A process of monitoring higher amount awardees has been initiated. Surprisingly only 35 out of a total of 111 awardees have submitted grade cards for December 2016 semester. Many others have informed that their results had not been published yet.

EWYL (EARN WHILE YOU LEARN)

Activities were carried out on three consecutive Wednesdays in February'17, except on 1st February'17 Wednesday which was a holiday for Saraswati Puja. The strength of the students were twenty eight (28) on 8th February'17, fifty five (55) on 15th February'17, and forty four (44) on 22nd February'17.

Cleaning operation was taken up on a vast area from one end of the University i.e. Pharmacy Building to the other end i.e. Aurobinda Building including the followings.

1. Arts faculty
2. Front of Science faculty
3. Road connecting old/new Gandhi Bhavan to Aurobinda building
4. Playground area
5. Road connecting Chemical Building, Metallurgy Building, Old Ladies' Hostel, New Ladies' Hostel and new NSS Office

SHANIBAARER AASAR

This month Shanibaarer Aasar was held on 25th February 2017 at 5.00 PM at the Meeting Hall of the Association when our Cultural sub-committee arranged an open session on the subject "Antarjaatik Maatribhaasha Dibas".

It was a very interesting evening with lectures, songs and poems by the members and others. The programme was a grand success.

BUDHER AADDA

Budher Aadda is held on every Wednesday at 5.30PM in the Meeting Hall of the Association. Various interesting topics are being discussed in every Wednesday other than normal aadda over 'Singara, Cakes and Chai'!

NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members had enrolled their names during 21st Jan 2017 to 22nd Feb 2017:

Mr	Swapan Kumar	Bose	1972	Mech Engg
Mr	Samarendra	Bandopadhyay	1968	Civil Engg
Ms	Anita	Bandopadhyay (Chakraborty)	1978	Bengali
Mr	Amit Kiran	Bhattacharya	1972	Mech Engg
Ms	Swapna	Mukherjee	1969	Elect Engg (ME)
Ms	Rupa	Dasgupta	1986	Bengali (MA)
Mr	Abhijit	Banerjee	2011	Bengali
Mr	Abhijit	Sadhukhan	2012	Bengali
Ms	Madhumitra	Chakrabarti	1984	Bengali
Ms	Subhra	Sen	1984	Bengali
Ms	Suhita	Bhattacharya	1984	Bengali
Mr	Arnab	Sadhukhan	2002	Bengali
Ms	Sangeeta	Gupta (Roy)	1993	Bengali (MA)
Mr	Bhaskar	Mridha	1997	Bengali (MA)
Ms	Aparna	Guha Thakurta(Sarkar)	1982	Bengali
Mr	Siddhatha	Sen	1987	Bengali (MA)
Mr	Sankha Subhra	Kundu	2007	FTBE
Mr	Sumit	Dey	2005	FTBE
Mr	Partha	Sarkar	2009	FTBE
Mr	Subrata	Saha	2000	FTBE
Mr	Abhijit	Chakraborty	1978	Ch Engg
Mr	Sudipta	Biswas	1973	Civil Engg
Ms	Puja	Roy Dosad	2015	Comp Lit
Mr	Subhankar	Roy	1999	Civil Engg
Mr	Arun Kumar	Basu	1974	Ch Engg

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period from 21st Jan 2017 to 22nd Feb 2017 are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Nikhiles Mukhopadhyay	Rs. 5,000/-	Student Assistance
IIM Calcutta Alumni Association	Rs. 22,000/-	Student Assistance
Shantanu Das	Rs. 60,000/-	Student Assistance
Kumaresh Sinha	Rs. 59,611/-	Student Assistance

NEWS FROM BRANCH/ CHAPTERS

- JU Alumni Oman chapter had their Annual Picnic on 27th Jan. 2017, in a farm house at Barkha in the outskirts of Muscat where more than 50 members and their families participated. A group photo of them attached below.

Their forthcoming program is "Sanskriti" that will be held on 14th April 2017 when celebrity singer Neepoboithi, U&I will perform together with their members.

- Recently we established contact with Sri Debasish Gangopadhyay ('70 BME), an active member & Sri S.N. Roy ('72 ME), Secretary of JU Alumni Jamshedpur Chapter.
- Sri Sanjay Sarkar (Const. Engr. 2000) reported from JU Alumni Asansol Chapter that they have more than 40 members at present. We have requested them to share with us a list of their members.
- Sri Dipak Basu ('57 EE) from Montreal Canada now staying in Kolkata has attended the memorial meeting of the Late Lal Behari Chatterjee ('58 BME) arranged by NCE Bengal on 25th Feb 2017 sharing his memories in fondness and admiration of the great 'Laluda'.

Group photo of the Picnic of Oman Chapter



GUEST ROOM

Fresh procurement action has been taken by Guest Rooms & Office Rooms Operation Sub-Committee towards purchase of Bed sheets, Pillow covers, Table covers, Towels and Curtains.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Cultural sub-committee of Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce that a musical programme '**PURATONI – MATIR GAAN**' will be held on 18th March 2017, Saturday at 6.00PM at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium. Tritha Bhattacharya ('Zee Bangla - Sa Re Ga Ma Pa' fame) and Smt Swati Nandi will be the artists of the evening. All members along with their family and friends are requested to attend this musical programme.
- Social sub-committee of Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce that for the *first time* '**BASANT UTSAV**' will be celebrated on 19th March 2017, Sunday at 10.00AM at Alumni Building. It is to welcome *Spring* not just with colours but with songs, chanting of hymns, recitation and our eternal aadda. No festival is complete without food, so lunch will be provided adding to the charm of *Utsav*. A token charges of Rs.275/- per head will be applicable. All members along with their family and friends are requested to join the programme

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
5 th Mar 2017	Sameer Choudhury Memorial Lecture On "Dilip Kumar Roy-er Gaan O Bideshi Sur"	Sri Pankaj Saha Song by Swastika Mukhopadhyay and her co-artists
12 th Mar 2017	Paramhangso Hariharananada Memorial Lecture on "Dolpurnimaay Mahaprovu Smaran"	Sri Dheeraj Mitra
19 th Mar 2017	Shashibhushan Roy Memorial Lecture on "Saahitye Daaktaar"	Sri Shyamal Datta Choudhury
26 th Mar 2017	Berendra Chandra Ghosh Memorial	Sm. Susmita

Lecture on “Tejoswinee Briddhaa Saheed Bhattacharya
Rasmani”

And

Nibedita Ghosh Memorial Lecture
On “Tejoswinee Sanyasinee Rani
Rasmani”

Prof. Shishutosh
Samanta

JU EVENTS FORTHCOMING

- EDUCATION Department will arrange Seminar on “Maatribhaashar Maadhyame Uchchoshikshaar Samasya O Sambhabanaa” on 7th and 8th March 2017.

Got a minute?

School Questions

Mother to son: “Why are you back to home from school so early?”

Son: “I was the only one who could answer a question in the class”

Mother: “Oh, really? What was the question?”

Son: “Who threw the eraser at the Principal?”

*LIFE is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance,
you must Keep Moving.*

Albert Einstein