

JU in Sydney

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JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - SYDNEY CHAPTER

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

We are glad to continue to publish this newsletter which is 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. Jadavpur University ranked 76th in Asia
2. JU in Sydney: Recent event: 5th July get together
3. Getting to know JU in Sydney President and Secretary
4. Forthcoming event

Good news for all JU alumni! We found this interesting link which we are sharing with you.

This link helps find all your batchmates from Jadavpur University. All you have to do is to input the appropriate search criteria.

http://juresultdirectory.org/show_result.asp

So we hope this link from JU website helps you locate your batch mates.



JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY: RANKED 76TH IN ASIA

It is a matter of great pride for us that our Jadavpur University has ranked 76th among Asian universities according to a study by Times higher Education Asia University Ranking 2014. It is commendable that Jadavpur University has managed to achieve such a high ranking despite its limited resources. The data was analysed by Thompson Reuters, using 13 indicators to examine performance in teaching, research, knowledge transfer and an international outlook.

JU in Sydney is very proud of this achievement. We wish that today's success is the beginning of tomorrow's achievements. **CONGRATULATIONS JU!!!**



J U in Sydney: Recent Event



A get-together followed by dinner was held on July 5, 2014 at Suvra and Tapan Mitra's residence in Castleford Terrace, Stanhope Gardens. The event was well attended by members of JU in Sydney. Various in-house performances by members followed by a sumptuous dinner made the occasion memorable and fun-filled. Sudipto Basu charmed the audience with the narration of a beautiful story written by him. Surja Gupta and Asim Das enacted a short play that came as the surprise event of the evening successfully creating a spooky atmosphere. Other performers included Suvra Mitra, Tapan Mitra and Tirthankar RayChaudhuri.

Esha Banerjee, a talented classical singer based in Sydney enthralled the audience with her mesmerizing voice and renditions of popular Hindi and Bangla numbers. The program was concluded by an Antakshari competition conducted by your editor.



**Esha Banerjee – A singer
par excellence created a
wonderful musical
atmosphere**

**JU in Sydney members
enjoying Esha's beautiful
voice.**





Members enjoying a cup of tea with anecdotes from JU days

All members having a great time





An evening well spent

Interaction with Executive Committee JU in Sydney

We bring you an informal and lively interaction with executive committee members of JU in Sydney. Let us get to know them better.

Sandip Hor-President, JU in Sydney



Graduating in Electrical Engineering in 1976, Sandip Hor's working career of over 35 years spans several large private and public sector organisations in

India and Australia , such as Siemens, Sydney Water, Australian Water Technologies, Rail Services Australia and RailCorp. Currently he operates as a Strategic Management Consultant as Executive Director of Strategy Services Group. In addition, he pursues his passion for travelling and writing. He contributes regularly to publications worldwide and currently leads Australia India travel & Tourism Council as Chairman.

What are the most memorable moments spent in JU ?

Best part of my life is the five years of JU where memorable moments include bunking classes and playing cards in the canteen, sharing a cup of tea or a cigarette with friends, going to movies or to a football match as a gang and doing "dadagiri" over the entire campus during final years as senior most students of the university.

What makes JU unique in your opinion?

JU is one of the very few institutions that facilitates studying engineering as a day student, thus allowing many talented from different economic background to complete studies.

What is your vision for JU in Sydney?

JU Alumni provides a suitable forum to unite ex students to socialize and reminiscence time at the university to keep the spirit alive. However being the alumni of an academic institution, the intellectual consciousness, from time to time. needs to be promoted as well.



Krish De- Secretary JU in Sydney

Krish De's suite of degrees and diplomas include Mechanical Engineering degree from JU (1965-70), Post Grad Diploma in SQC and OR from Indian Statistical Institute (1973-75) and Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Management from Bajaj Institute, Bombay University (1976-78). He has spent his entire career, spanning over 44 years in aerospace engineering with four reputable and international airlines – to start with Indian Airlines in Mumbai, Malaysian Airlines in Kula Lumpur, Air Niugini in Port Moresby and more recently with Qantas Engineering in Sydney. He is registered with CQI International Register of Certificated Auditors (CQI IRCA), UK as an Aerospace Lead Auditor and spends time with them as a consultant.

What are your most memorable moments spent in JU ?

The most glaring part of my JU campus life was the outcome of negotiation with the “Naxalites” and the then JU Vice Chancellor, Prof G.C. Sen to hold our fifth and final year exam leading to our degrees in 1970. Though we all managed to complete our Engineering degree timely and successfully the consequence in assisting to hold the exams, as suggested by many leading newspapers, was the loss of our beloved and respected Professor Sen as a result of brutal killing of Professor Sen inside the campus on his last day in the office.

What in your opinion makes JU unique?

The quality and experience of the world renowned teaching and supporting staff, system and methods of teaching, environment & facilities. Above all the prudent management are the key factors that make Jadavpur University as a leading Institution of learning not only in India but worldwide.

What is your vision for JU in Sydney?

We would like to establish a knowledge bank and endowment fund to help needy student, both intellectually and financially, in pursuing further education.

Pradip Ray-Treasurer, JU in Sydney



Graduating in Mechanical Engineering in 1972, Pradip Ray started his career as an trainee engineer.

After a short while he changed his career into IT and started with Indian Airlines in New Delhi. Later he moved to Kolkata and worked as private consultant for about 6 years.

He migrated to Australia in November 1988 and worked at various consulting, finance and government sectors since then.

What are your most memorable moments spent in JU?

Spending time and lunch time 'adda' at Satyendra's canteen and enjoying 'moghlai parota' and vegetable chops. Having musical choir during off period tapping on the bench for tabla. Collecting lab notes from senior dadas of previous years. I would cherish forever....the endless games and the fun, bunking classes sometimes, the high-tension and low-tension class tests and the array of young age fun filled days has cast away that I miss immensely.

What in your opinion makes JU unique?

Jadavpur is one and unique among approximately 274 Universities in India. JU is different in its history, tradition and culture. JU is the foremost centres of learning techniques in workshop technology and has the third largest library within the state of West Bengal. Unlike most Indian universities, JU has the distinction of having three separate faculties of learning within its ambit — Arts, Engineering & Technology and Science. This creates the ground for a vibrant student life. A unique feature of the academic structure of JU is the presence of a number of interdisciplinary schools and research centres. The University Grants Commission has identified JU as one of the universities in the country with "Potential for Excellence". In addition, Jadavpur University has been rated as a "Five Star University" in India by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council on two occasions.

JU in Sydney Forthcoming Event



Forthcoming Event

The next event for JU in Sydney is scheduled on Saturday, October 18, 2014. The venue and program details are yet to be finalized. We will get back to you with the details very soon. You are welcome to provide suggestions regarding venue and nature of the program. Please confirm your participation to Krish De, Secretary, JU in Sydney at krish_de@tpg.com.au.

Words from the Editor

It is a great pleasure to reach the milestone of the second issue of the JU in Sydney newsletter. I would like to thank our executive committee members for sparing time from their busy schedules and sharing moments of their lives in JU with us. Their recollections of JU life have created a sense of nostalgia in all of us.

Thank you for being with us in this journey.
Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Somsukla Banerjee

Editor, JU in Sydney

