



ALUMNI NEWS

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The month of August is very dear to all Indians because of the two milestone events: Quit India movement, launched on 8th August, 1942 and our Independence Day on 15th August, 1947.

It's also important for the birthday of Aurobindo Ghosh (Sri Aurobindo, born on 15th August 1872), an Indian Nationalist, Philosopher, Yogi, Guru, who was also one of the founders of our University, the then NCE Bengal.

By the time this Newsletter will be published Sharadotsav is just a few days away. The city is gearing up to welcome Ma Durga and to participate in gala events filled with fun and festivity.

BARSHA UTSAV

Barsha Utsav was organized by the Social Sub-committee on Sunday, 27th August 2017 in our Alumni Building. It was 13th of its kind in succession when a gathering of more than 100 participants including alumnus, their spouses and friends joined the occasion. Light refreshment in the morning set the mood for aadda followed by various cultural activities. Subsequently it was romancing the Hilsa on a monsoon afternoon at the rooftop of the building.. *Ilish* or Hilsa is not just a fish to a Bong, it's an emotion. And having *Ilish maachh bhaja* (fried Hilsa), steamed rice and then time-tested *Ilish bhapa* and other recipes was the main attraction of the day. Like all good things which come to an end *Barsha Utsav* ended happily with chorus songs while sipping hot coffee in the afternoon.



STUDENT ASSISTANCE AND AWARD PROGRAMME (2017 – 2018)

Student Assistance and Award Sub-Committee conducted selective interviews of the students receiving the financial assistance from the previous years from 17.08.2017 to 22.08.2017. 427 students applied for the renewal out of which around 193 were interviewed. The selective list was prepared based on the performance by the students in the last semester in June 2017. The final list for continuation of assistance is being prepared based on the interviews and academic performance.

Application from the students enrolled this year in the University was invited at the beginning of August 2017 and around 546 students applied for financial assistance. Interviews for selection is planned from the middle of September.

EWYL (EARN WHILE YOU LEARN)

The students of the University who are active team members of EWYL performed in a cultural programme on 1st August 2017 subsequent to Prof Hem Chandra Guha Memorial Lecture. Photographs are attached below:



Mime on the theme “The Statue”, by active team members of EWYL



Dance Performance, and Song by active team members of EWYL

CHAPTER COORDINATION AND INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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1. License of Website renewed for the year 7th Sept. 2017 to 6th Sept., 2018
2. New Application Form for Life Membership uploaded
3. List of New Executive Committee uploaded
4. Work on uploading of List of new Sub-Committees is underway
5. All upcoming events uploaded.

NEWS FROM CHAPTERS

- About 100 alumni members of JUECA (Jadavpur University East Coast Association) and their loved ones showed up for the Annual Picnic at Mercer County Park near Princeton, New Jersey on 5th August 2017. Ex-students from 1963 batch to 2011 attended the picnic. Weather was perfect & people had singara, tea, barbecued chicken followed by a sumptuous lunch. Starting with introduction sessions & walk down memory lanes, there were adda, games and music all around. The event was really memorable for all. This was reported by Prasun Chowdhury ('91 EE). A group photo of the jubilant crowd is given below :



- Jadavpur University Overseas Pharmacy Alumni Association (JUOPAA) members' get-together is scheduled on September 9th, 2017 from 12 noon – 3 PM at Kinara Restaurant, Edgewater NJ, USA. This information was shared by Bires Biswas ('73 Pharmacy).



- Our Alumni Secretary Prabir Choudhury ('72 EE) was invited to meet UK Chapter members in London on 22nd July 2017. It was his enjoyable experience by sharing thoughts about alumni activities followed by musical programme over delicious food. A photograph showing (L to R) UK Chapter Chairman Sunith Lahiri ('72 EE), Prabir Choudhury ('72 EE), and Gen. Secretary UK Chapter Arun Majumdar ('06 EE)
- JU Alumni Kuwait chapter is organizing a fund raising musical program on 13th Sept 2017 featuring singer Iman Chakraborty. This was informed by their Secretary, Mridul Das. We take this opportunity to convey our best wishes to them. We also sincerely thank all members of Kuwait Chapter for their regular donations towards supporting Student Assistance Programme at HQ.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

Cultural sub-committee of Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU are pleased to announce that a musical programme '**MATIR KATHAA MAAYER GAAN**' will be held on 15th September 2017, Friday at 6.00PM at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium.

It will be presented by *BIHAAN* and ex-students of our University.

All members along with their family and friends are requested to attend this musical programme.

NEW MEMBERS

The following New Life-members were enrolled their names from 15th July to 18th August 2017:

Ms	Nupur	Choudhury	1984	Bengali
Ms	Nilima	Mukherjee (Bhadra)	1976	History
Mr	Tapas	Bhattacharyya	1976	Pharma
Mr	Srijan Baran	Guha	1978	Elect Engg
Mr	Subir Kumar	Bhattacharyya	1965	Mech Engg
Mr	Amar Nath	Mullick	1979	Mech Engg
Mr	Indrayan	Chakraborty	2005	Elect Engg
Mr	Arup	Majumdar	1972	ETCE
Mr	Jagabandhu	Shit	2006	M Mech

SHANIBABRER AASAR

Shanibabrer Aasar was held on 26th August, the last Saturday of the month. From last month the time of commencing of the meeting was advanced to 4.30 PM in order to accommodate maximum number events by the participants.

The theme for this *aasar* was to pay tribute to some of the legends like Rishi Aurobindo, Debarata Biswas, Sukanta Bhattacharya and Kishore Kumar who were born in the month of August. And also keeping in mind *Baishe Shraabon* and our Independence Day.

The *aasar* was attended by the alumnus and their family members.

In order to make *Shanibabrer Aasar* even more entertaining, the Cultural Sub-committee is looking for members who can play musical instruments like guitar, mouth organ, tabla, flute etc. Interested members are most welcome and are therefore requested to contact to our Secretary.

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'!

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Donations received during the period from 15th July to 18th August 2017 are as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
M/s IIM Calcutta, Alumni Association	Rs. 25,000/-	Student Assistance
M/s Sunburst Pvt. Ltd.	Rs. 5,000/-	Student Assistance
Sydney Chapter	Rs. 20,000/-	For Overhead Projector
Sm. Dipa Ray	Rs. 2,000/-	Solar Power Project
Sm. Gita Roy	Rs. 3,000/-	Cultural Fund
Sri Mrinal Majumdar	Rs. 3,000/-	Social Fund

CONDOLENCE

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of our members:



Chandra Banerjee '71 ARCH expired on 22ND August 2017. **Dr. P.K.Mahalanobis** '56 ME expired on 12th August 2017.



The late Chandra Banerjee born in Kolkata in 1949 and studied at St. John's Diocesan School, Kolkata and then acquired Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Jadavpur University in 1971. She worked with Central PWD from 1978 and continued there for 25+ years. She was also a Fellow of the Council of Architecture, India and was holding the post of President at The Jadavpur University Alumni Association of Architecture Department. Despite her health issues she was pretty active in every way of life and used to attend *Budher aadda* and *Shanibaarer aasar* on regular basis.

Hailing from a reputed family of scientists, academicians and statisticians Pranab Kumar Mahalanobis was born on 4th Oct 1933. An exceptionally brilliant student, he did his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Jadavpur University in 1956, MBA from Calcutta University and Ph.D in Production Engineering from Jadavpur University. He authored a highly investigative article on Fundamental Conception About the Guided Missiles and had edited the Journal of CET, Jadavpur University. He was awarded first position for participation in a Yoga Contest in our University.

NCE BENGAL PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
3rd Sep 2017	Keya Mukhopadhyay Memorial Lecture On “Poribesh Udbastu”	Prof Sugoto Hazra
10 th Sep 2017	Shankari Prasad Bandyopadhyay Memorial Lecture on “Sukhi Somajer khoje”	Prof Dilip Mohanta
17 th Sep 2017	Gopal Chandra Sen Memorial Lecture on “Tritio Biswa juddho hobe ki? Hole?” And “Biswa Shanti : manobik dristikon theke”	Prof Purushottam Bhattacharya Shree Dipon Roy

Got a minute?

A man asks a farmer near a field, “Sorry sir, would you mind if I crossed your field instead of going around it? You see, I have to catch the 4:23 train.”

The farmer says, “Sure, go right ahead. And if my bull sees you, you’ll even catch the 4:11 one.”