

Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College Alumni Association

INITIATIVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COLLEGE,
ALUMNI-MEMBERS & STUDENTS

The **Alumni Association**, for the benefits and betterments of the College and its past and present students, initiated focused efforts with target-based implementation from November, 2015. In the first phase, the **core areas** of operation are : Establishment of **Distress Fund** ; **Placement Training & Development** Programme for the present students.

Distress Fund

It is a fund setup for providing economic help to any ex-student of JGEC. Money will be provided from the distress fund to the alumnus or his/her family in case of medical emergencies, accidents, death or any such issue brought into the notice of the Distress fund committee. It is the earnest urge to all passed out students of Jalpaiguri Govt Engg. College to contribute a yearly **subscription of Rs.1,000.00** (Rupees One Thousand only) to this Fund. The contribution can be had as **lump sum or composite (life-time)** in nature. In case of composite subscription, please approach : Secretary, Jalpaiguri Govt. Engg. College Alumni Association. Your contribution will help us to reach the passed students or their off-springs in the distress.

The accounts' statement of the Fund is made accessible to any of the contributors and will be published through the newsletter. The **names of the subscribers** to the distress Fund will be published through 'Beam', the quarterly newsletter of the Association. Please contact us if you have suggestion or queries.

We thank all those who have contributed in the Distressed fund!

Please spread the news so that all of us come forward and make this initiative successful. This fund is for the entire alumni fraternity of the College, irrespective of location, alumni association, alumni chapter, batch and department.

Assistance already provided from Distress fund

* Rs.30,000.00 to the family of late Ranjit Bose (1980 batch) after his unfortunate death.

* Rs.75,000.00 to Sri Soumik Biswas (2010 batch) for his medical treatment (unfortunately, he did not survive).

Money collected by the Alumni Association from other sources.

* Rs.4 lac for Soumik Biswas (during his hospitalization phase)

* Rs.60,000.00 for a present 3rd year student for the treatment of his mother.

Online contribution to the Distress Fund

Contribution through Indian Rupees :

Bank name : State bank of Bikaner and Jaipur
Branch : Ballygunje (Address : 204
Rashbehari Avenue, Kolkata)
Account number : 61132204024
IFSC code : SBBJ0010376

Contribution in hard-currency or for Alumnus settled abroad :

Name of Bank : UCO Bank
Branch : Purna Das Road
A/C No : 17610100051310
IFSC Code : UCBA0001761

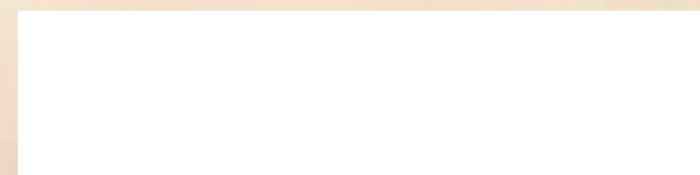
Placement :

Career development is the top priority of any engineering student. The Alumni Association is pleased to have helped the placement initiatives of the College and the passed out students in the following manner :

- A 1997 batch alumnus has helped in the recruitment process of a recent civil engineering alumnus
- A 2013 batch alumnus has been helping out JGEC alumnus with placements since the past 1 year and has agreed upon to look into the placement of two more ex-students from 2015 and 2014 ME batch.
- We have got 6 alumni from 2015 batch referred to HP for software engineering positions. Some of them have appeared in the recruitment process. The results are yet to be announced.
- A 1983 batch alumnus arranged on-campus placements at JGEC and seven students have been recruited through his efforts.
- A 2011 batch alumnus has arranged campus interview and 9 students got placement through that effort.
- A 1989 batch alumnus has helped in the recruitment of a 2014 batch alumnus; this 2014 batch alumnus has in turn helped in the recruitment of a 2015 batch alumnus. This is a great example of the power of alumni unity.
- A reputed cement company has confirmed its visit to JGEC for recruitment in this semester.

We would like to hear more from our ex-students who are presently seeking jobs. We will give our best efforts to get them placed as soon as possible. Please email us for any information.

If you have any information about job openings for fresher or for experienced professionals, then please **share the information** with us so that our JGEC family members can benefit from it.



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LOOKING FORWARD

Dr. Pradip Kumar Saha

Officer-in-Charge, Jalpaiguri Govt. Engg. College

After passing out B.E & M. Tech. in Electrical Engineering, I served two private organizations around for three years. During these services I felt a strong urge to serve the technical institution as a teacher to produce the quality students for the society and my inner desires helped me to get the job of teaching in Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College. I felt proud to be a member of Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College family with the lovable students, staff and fabulous natural beauties. I have completed 25 years of services in this institution without a single thought to leave this place.

I joined Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College as a Lecturer in the department of Electrical Engineering. At that time there were Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) courses in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Over the years, the College enhanced its activities, with the addition of three new disciplines in undergraduate level and post-graduate courses in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and more students are passing out of this College. On the basis of the students' strength & quality, this College can compete not only regionally, but nationally also.

In today's world, the actual strength of a technical institution lies both on the materialistic contribution it makes towards the national spectrum and paving way for more students to pass out of the institution. The actual contribution in this direction is gauged by the quality of the education the institution provides ; the scope for research and development in the field of engineering and technology; and the provision of channelizing innovative ideas raised by the students and other stakeholders. In spite of the maintenance of level of education in this College, there is scope of more enrichment in this sphere. In other two segments, the contribution of the College is still not highly satisfactory.

In the newer world, with more and more expectations are to be satisfied by the College, the broader role of the passed

out students is envisaged. The alumni-members of this College are placed in esteemed position, nationally and globally and their contributions in micro and macro levels are already recognized. The College is soliciting their advice and support to reach a new summit. Though there is no concrete framework within which they can extend their support, I find certain basic levels to meet up their aspirations to serve the alma mater.

- Each and every alumnus of the College is the 'Brand Ambassador' of the College. They are expected to highlight and promote the College and its achievements. Simultaneously they have every right to suggest and advise for the betterment of the College. The College authority is always receptive to accommodate their suggestions with maximum possible means available.
- With more and more exchanges of views and ideas between the present students and the Alumni-members, not only the current students will be benefitted, but the College also gets fresh avenues to improve the environment of the College.
- Despite being a government college, there is always dearth of infrastructural facilities hindering the smooth activities of the College. The alumnus may participate with the government's permission to eradicate those grey areas.
- The alumni-members are always welcome to extend their suggestions for the betterment of the College and its activities. Their regular visit to the College will no doubt help them to garner on-field experiences about the activities of the College.

The College has passed fifty years since the first batch graduated from this College. Their next generation, like their own children, is currently pursuing various courses in this College. It is now our collective mission to promote the College and its status to a new height through the second generation to be reflected through their all round performances.

BUDDING IT TO BLOSSOM
Subrata Sanyal (89E)

(Continued from the previous issue)

It is nine o'clock now, as the cuckoo clock at the drawing room reminds everybody. Ajay has finished his lunch by this time, though he can't even partake one-fourth of the dishes, partly due to excessive varieties and quantities set on the table, but mostly 'cause of the high heart-beat he starts feeling by now. But he remains somber and looking quiet, though others enjoying around him. Papa also gets ready with his bicycle at the side of the newly bought one for Ajay. Before, Ajay went to the college only twice, first to appear for the joint entrance examination and second, for the physical verification of documents after the counseling process in Gandhi Auditorium in Jadavpur University. He does not have any clear idea about the distance they need to cover to reach the college. 'How much distance is it from our home?' he inquired to Baba. 'May be four to five kilometers, if we follow the Kadamtala route', Baba lamented, 'one way passes through Town Station, Kadamtala, Beguntary, and Maskalaibari and other follows PWD More, Hospital, BDO, Gosala More. To my mind, the second path is lengthier than the former, so we will take the Kadamtala route', Father asks him to ride the bicycle, when he completes pranam to all of the seniors present there.

Their Nayabasty home is located at the south-eastern fringe of the town, almost in opposite direction if one draws a diagonal line from the college. While passing by the town station, an erotic traffic of cycle-rickshaw, scooters and bicycles put hurdle to their smooth passage. Looking at Papa, Ajay finds him murmuring, probably with curses to the unruly movement of the traffic. The passenger train from New Jalpaiguri is about to reach town station soon, so there is such busy crowd on the road itself. The road condition of Jalpaiguri is pretty good now, though even a few years back, they were shabby condition, full of potholes and side scrubbers. So, it should not take more than half an hour to reach the college, Ajay thinks, but while moving towards Beguntary, he starts thinking otherwise. Actually, Jalpaiguri is a small town to accommodate office-goers along with paltry business activities. Though the population of the town reaches more than one and half lac, the character and attitude of the people hardly changed. The traffic inrush is still compounded from ten to twelve in the forenoon and four to six, in the afternoon.

By the time, they pass T.B. Hospital, it is almost ten in the new-bought Titan wrist-watch of Ajay. It is dangerous and tricky to cross the highway to find access to the college campus. On reaching the College More, they wait for few minutes, just to find a safe passage towards the college gate. As soon as Ajay glimpses at the college building, his heart

fills with pride. It is a gigantic three storey structure spread over a sprawling compound, major percentage of which is still unoccupied. The most attractive member of the compound is a majestic ground in front of the college building. 'This is the ground where the helipad of governor and prime minister was constructed when they visited the town in the past', Papa recalls with a sense of homeliness, as he attended a few such occasions in the past.

The college building has access from all three front sides, though the southern entry is often restricted by pulling down the rolling shutter. A concrete ramp is attached with the entrance to facilitate direct entry of scooters within the college building. The main entrance is at the foreshore, beside the State Bank of India branch. So the cycles are parked at the field in front. They enter into the lobby of the building. Both sides of the wall are fitted with cabinets to accommodate notices and hand written literary pursuits from the students. The hind portion is constructed with open staircase to lead to the first floor. The lobby is full with newly admitted students and their guardians with bag and baggage and the resultant whispering reaches a level of loud, not easy for one to hear what others are saying. The senior students are moving casually and often encountering the new coming boys. The guardians are asking them about the senior students from their own locality, the accommodation in the hostels and the facilities available therein. The members of the students' union are looking more serious and guiding the guardians about the nitty-gritty to be followed.

'Stay here for a while, by that time, let me look for Prof. N. Kundu from the department of Electrical Engineering. I know him for long'. Papa leaves left-ward through a long-drawn corridor. Ajay's mind engulfed with tension, as a batch of five senior students reaches him to inquire about his name, his place of abode, department, etc., but once known that he is from the town, shows little interest about him. Momentarily, Ajay leaves a sigh of relief, as the first phase of encounter passes off smoothly. Soon father returns with a gentle-looking professor and asks him to touch the feet of the teacher. The professor asks him about his rank in merit list, advises him to be serious in his studies, et al. Then he starts talking with Papa about the processes to be followed, first in the admission department and then in the cash office. The admission or examination department is just foot-step away, at the entry of the left corridor. Escorted by the professor, they enter into a small room with a make-shift wooden enclosure at one corner. The room is full to its capacity and they are hard-pressed into the room. Suddenly Papa identifies Dipti-da, seated at the side of one table and busy with completion of formalities for the newcomers. 'He is Dipti Bhushan Chakraborty, physical instructor of this college, a good friend of mine', whispered father. But it is hard to reach him through a thick mass in front of him.

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Mail from the College

Dr. Pradip Kumar Saha, Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering, took over the reign of the College as Officer-in-Charge on 2nd February, 2016. He took over from Dr. Jyotirmoy Jhampati, who has superannuated after thirty years'

distinguished services in the capacities of Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor (in the Deptt of Electrical Engineering), Training & Placement Officer, Officer-in-Charge and finally as the Principal of the College. Dr. Saha graduated from the then Bengal Engineering College with honours in Electrical Engineering, completed the masters course with specialization in 'Machine Drive & Power Electronics' from I.I.T., Kharagpur and obtained Ph.D. on 'Non-linear Dynamics and Power Electronics'. He joined Jalpaiguri Govt Engineering College as a Lecturer in Electrical Engineering in the year 1991.

Annual Programme of Jalpaiguri Govt Engineering College Alumni Association : Report from a fresh Alumnus

Since my passing out from the engineering college, I thought to attend the annual programme of JGECAA in Kolkata. But as I was among those passed out of the college without any job offer, I hesitated. In 2015, I got a respected job and on 3rd January, 2016, being a Sunday, I was destined to reach Science City Auditorium, dot at 11 in the morning. As commonly found in other Bengalee assembly, there were only a handful of people there in time. The gathering increased shortly and the programme started (delayed, no doubt. A Bengalee tradition!). The mini auditorium of Science City was occupied by the past students and their family members and I was quite thrilled to be among them, particularly among those belong to the maiden years of the College. They out-numbered the students passed out after 1980s. A few of them, like Alok Ranjan Basu, Pradip Bhattacharyya, Sujit Dutta, Arun Bandyopadhyay and a few others (whose names I could not inquire) came forward on their own to mingle with us. Initially I was a bit shy, feeling alien as none of our batch-mates turned up. Only known face was of Subrata-da (Sanyal), whom I met in the college. But with the at-home encounter from the seniors, shortly I could become one of the assembly.

The programme started with the inaugural speech by Arun Bandyopadhyay, Secretary, JGECAA with an august assembly of Dr. Mrinmoy Das, past Principal of the college, Sujit Bagchi, President, JGECAA and a band of retired faculties. Dr. Jyotirmoy Jhampati, the College Principal, was to be present as the Chief Guest, but he could not make it to the event. Dr. Mrinmoy Das gave the theme speech in a

candid manner. The toppers of 2015 in each department were felicitated, but only four of the six toppers could turn up. The short but encouraging felicitation event was followed by the appearance of the management and students from Blind Empowerment Foundation on the stage. As a contribution towards the cause of the society, a cheque of Rs.10,000.00 was handed over to the management of Blind Empowerment Foundation, whose students in reciprocity entertained the audience with vocal performance through Rabindra Sangeet.

The programme was then interrupted for the buffet lunch, where all those present lavishly partook the delicious cuisine.

After the lunch break, Sri Kalyan Sen Barat and his troupe performed the drama, 'Gupi Gyne Bagha Byne', based on the legendary tale by Upendra Kishor Ray Choudhury. The audience in spellbound attention enjoyed their performance and once the drama concluded, the entire hall noted the appreciation through standing ovation.



Inauguration of the Annual Programme



Dr. Mrinmoy Das delivering his speech



A View of the Audience



The Assembly of Recent Toppers