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## AN APPEAL TO JOIN GAA

### Appeal from Dr. S.K. Sen and Dr. N.R. Banerjea

*(A joint appeal by Dr. Sankar Kumar Sen (48 EE), Ex Minister of Energy, Government of West Bengal and Dr. N. R. Banerjea, Vice-Chancellor, BESUS made on November 8, 2005 to join GAA-BESUS)*

Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (BESUS), formerly B. E. College is the second oldest engineering college in India and was second to none in terms of its quality of education during its earlier days. At this time, along with six other institutes Government of India is considering BESUS to upgrade it to an IIT.

Our Alma Mater is, therefore, at an important crossroad in its history of evolution. A right decision and vision is necessary to elevate BESUS back to its historical seat of excellence and prestige.

It is our cherished dream that our Alma Mater regains its position as the top engineering university in India. Inputs from our alumni at this juncture in the development of our Alma Mater are very important. The only way we can participate collectively is through a Global Alumni Association (GAA-BESUS). Accordingly a GAA-BESUS has been formed and registered in Kolkata with the mission to reach, serve and engage all its alumni, faculty and students to foster a life long intellectual and emotional connection between the university and its graduates, and also to support in developing BESUS to a premier technical institution in India. The GAA-BESUS will provide a unified voice of more than 20,000 alumni worldwide.

A registered office of GAA-BESUS has been established at the university campus. This office is in the process of equipping fully with computers, internet and scanning, faxing and copying facilities. This office will have paid staff to support needs of all of our member alumni.

GAA should represent all alumni of BEC/BECDDU/BESUS. In order to make it successful it is now very crucial that all alumni participate in GAA-BESUS by becoming member of GAA-BESUS. Additional information on GAA-BESUS including a membership form will be available in the web site [www.becollege.org](http://www.becollege.org)

This new organization needs all your support. We, therefore, sincerely urge you all alumni of BEC/BECDDU/BESUS to sincerely consider becoming member of this great organization.



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### MISSION AND GOALS OF THE GAA

#### Mission and Goals of the GAA

The “Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESUS)” has been registered to cultivate and maintain among its fellow members a sentiment of respect for one another, affection and attachment to BEC/BECDU/BESUS, as well as to support and promote the interests of the institute in every possible way.

*Mission Statement:* The Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESUS) seeks to reach, serve and engage all its alumni, faculty and students to foster a lifelong intellectual and emotional connection between the college and its graduates; and to enhance the capability of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (BESUS).

*Goals:* The primary goals of the Association include but are not limited to the following:

- As the unified voice of more than 20,000 alumni worldwide, act in an advisory capacity in creating and nurturing a mutually beneficial relationship among the institute, its alumni and its current and future students as well as to engage interested alumni intellectually and socially with each other;
- To help regain the University’s pre-eminent position in engineering education by offering professional competence, knowledge and expertise of the GAABESUS’ members; by projecting its contribution to the engineering profession & strengthening its educational programs; and ensuring that the University is recognized as an IIT/Institute of National Importance;
- To work with the University in soliciting contributions and funds from the alumni, the various levels of government, foundations and foreign agencies in order to upgrade infrastructure and develop and/or expand new curriculum and research programs;
- To help alumni and/or students in distress by creating and maintaining a benevolent fund account;
- To serve as the primary channel of communication between the University and its global alumni community by publishing and circulating a periodic alumni newsletter

(news on developments at the University and about their fellow alumni), organizing professional events, reunions and get-togethers of local and/or regional chapters;

- To assist the school in improving its knowledge base and dissemination of the same, and in the development of innovative technology that serves the needs of the society at large;
- To assist the University in organizing national & international seminars, workshops and conferences in all areas of scholarship to improve the knowledge base of the university community; and
- To do all such things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects.

### GAABESUS DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS

#### Review of GAABESUS meeting on 28th December, 2005

The Adhoc Executive Committee of GAABESUS met on 28th December, 2006. The following is a summary of the discussions and major decisions made at the meeting, as communicated by Mr. Santanu Kumar Karmakar, Honorary Secretary, GAABESUS.

1. Pending amendments to the Memorandum of Association & Regulations, the following arrangements may be made, which would be tentative and subject to the said amendments :-
  - (a) Annual Membership Fees for ex-students in India would be Rs. 250.00 with effect from 1st April, 2006.
  - (b) A category of Associate Members or Affiliate Members would be created for faculty members of BESUS (present and former) and well wishers (in India and abroad), who are not ex-students of BESUS. Associates / Affiliates would pay the same Membership Fees as applicable to ex-students in their country of residence and would not have any voting rights, but would have the right to forward their suggestions / opinions, etc. to the Adhoc Executive Committee for examination.
  - (c) For Alumni in the Middle East countries, Life Membership Fees would be INR 5000.00 and they would be admitted as Life Members tentatively,



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subject to the aforesaid modifications of the Memorandum & Regulations.



*Sign directing to the new GAABESUS Office*

- (d) Alumni domiciled in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan Myanmar, Maldives and Sri Lanka would pay the same membership fees as ex-students resident in India.
  - (e) Alumni residing in the rest of the world pay US\$ 300.00 for Life Membership.
  - (f) Annual Membership fee has been rationalized as one tenth of Life Membership elsewhere.
2. The Adhoc office bearers would co-opt the following members to the Adhoc Executive Committee for proper functioning of GAA, till elections are held for filling up such posts. For the time being, the following co-options would be made:-

- From the United States 3 members
- From Canada 2 members
- From United Kingdom 2 members
- From the Middle East 2 members
- From Bangalore 2 members
- From New Delhi 2 members
- From Mumbai 2 members

The aforesaid number of representatives from different countries / locations are tentative and subject to approval. Dr. S. K. Karmakar and Dr. Swapan Saha would suggest the names to Mr. Santanu Chatterjee in consultation with the active GAA members in these countries / locations and / or the local alumni associations, as may be applicable / suitable.

3. The Membership Drive would be focused, for the time being, on India, U.S.A., Canada, UK and the Middle East. It was suggested that some 3,500 personal e-mails should be sent to the ex-students, who have already registered on the website, to be followed up by a written request subsequently, appealing to them to join as life members of GAA.



*Amitabha Ghoshal (57CE), President, GAABESUS - setting the ground rules for the meeting*

Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal, Dr. Swapan Saha, Dr. S. K. Karmakar and Mr. Santanu Chatterjee would make an attempt to identify two or three Alumni from each batch of graduates and from each local chapter and constitute a Membership Sub-Committee with them, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal. As for India, the focus should be on Salt Lake City, Kharagpur, Durgapur, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Rourkella, Bangalore, Mumbai, and New Delhi.



*Speakers at the meeting: From left (Santanu Chatterjee missing in this photo) Arun Deb, Amitabha Ghoshal, VC (Dr. N.R. Banerjee) and Santanu Karmakar*



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4. Organisational Work – A Sub-Committee would be formed of active and willing ex-students, say, five present faculty members and two or three from Kolkata for the purpose. Dr. Swapan Saha and Dr. S. K. Karmakar would identify the ex-students for the purpose. It was unanimously felt that Mr. Ashit Kumar Palit should be co-opted to the Adhoc Executive Committee and also inducted into the Organisational Sub-Committee.



*Some of the attendees of the GAABESUS meeting on December 19, 2005.*

5. A Constitutional and Legal Sub-Committee would be constituted with Mr. Santanu Chatterjee as Chairman for taking care of legal aspects, amendments to the Memorandum of Association & Regulations, to follow up actions on the FC(R)A registration and thereafter obtaining Income Tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. He would induct other members in the Sub-Committee in consultation with the other office bearers and the Ad-hoc Executive Committee.

6. A Media and Public Relations Sub-Committee would be constituted with Mr. Tarun Basu as the Chairman, who together with Dr. S. K. Karmakar and Dr. Swapan Saha would induct other members in the Sub-Committee.

7. A GAA Operations Sub-Committee would also be constituted with Dr. S. K. Karmakar as Chairman and members identified by him and Dr. Swapan Saha.



*Inauguration: VC (Dr. N.R. Banerjea) on Dec 19, 2005*

8. Similarly, a scholarship Sub-Committee would have to be constituted.



*Inauguration: Historic moment – VC (Dr. N.R. Banerjea), Piyali Dey, Arun Deb*

9. All the aforesaid Sub-Committees would be Adhoc, till formal elections take place.



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বারো] আনন্দবাজার পত্রিকা কলকাতা বুধবার ২৮ ডিসেম্বর ২০০৫ SE

# বিই কলেজ সাজাচ্ছেন প্রাক্তনীরা

## বিদিশা চক্রবর্তী

আধুনিক সুবিধায়ুক্ত বহুতল শিক্ষা ভবন, উন্নত মানের সাউন্ড সিস্টেম, হাজার আসনের আধুনিক অডিটোরিয়াম, বহুতল গ্রন্থাগার ভবন দিয়ে সাজানো হবে বেঙ্গল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং অ্যান্ড সায়েন্স ইউনিভার্সিটি (শিবপুর বি ই কলেজ)-কে।

বি ই কলেজের ১৫০ বছর উপলক্ষে কলেজকে নতুন ভাবে সাজাতে সাহায্য করবেন কলেজেরই প্রাক্তনীরা। সারা পৃথিবীতে বি ই কলেজের ২০ হাজারেরও বেশি প্রাক্তন ছাত্রছাত্রী আছেন। আপাতত তাঁদের মধ্যে প্রায় ২০০ জন 'গ্লোবাল অ্যালামনি অ্যাসোসিয়েশন' (জি এ এ)-এর মাধ্যমে এই সব প্রকল্প রূপায়ণে উদ্যোগী হয়েছেন। এতে প্রাথমিক ভাবে খরচ হবে প্রায় ১৫০ কোটি টাকা। জি এ এ-র সচিব ও

কলেজের শিক্ষক শান্তনু কর্মকার জানান, কলেজের পরিকাঠামো আরও ভাল করতে প্রাক্তনীদের সক্রিয় অংশগ্রহণ সুনিশ্চিত করাই এই সংগঠনের মূল উদ্দেশ্য।

শান্তনুবাবু জানান, এখন বি ই কলেজের ১৪টি বিভাগে ছাত্রছাত্রীর সংখ্যা আড়াই হাজার মতো। কম্পিউটার সীয়েন্স, তথ্যপ্রযুক্তির মতো বিষয়ের চাহিদা থাকায় ওই সব বিভাগে ছাত্র-সংখ্যা বাড়ছে। কিন্তু তাঁদের সবাইকে এখন হস্টেলে জায়গা দেওয়া যায় না। কেমিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং, বায়ো-টেকনোলজি এবং সফট অ্যান্ড অকুপেশনাল হেলথ— এই তিনটি নতুন বিষয় শুরু করারও পরিকল্পনা আছে। সেই জন্য নতুন হস্টেল তৈরি করা হবে, যাতে সব ছাত্রছাত্রী কলেজ ক্যাম্পাসে থেকে পড়তে পারেন। ইন্টারনেট, কম্পিউটার-সহ আধুনিক সব রকম সুযোগ-সুবিধা থাকবে, এ-রকম

আটটি 'অ্যাকাডেমিক বিল্ডিং' বা শিক্ষা ভবন তৈরি করা হবে। প্রায় ১০ কোটি টাকা খরচ হবে প্রতিটিতে। অডিটোরিয়ামের জন্যও খরচ হবে প্রায় ১০ কোটি টাকা।

১৯৬৮ সালের সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিংয়ের ছাত্র অমৃত দাস ইতিমধ্যে এক কোটি টাকা দিয়েছেন। বি ই কলেজে আই টি স্কুল তৈরি করতে এই টাকা ব্যয় হয়েছে। তা ছাড়া বিভিন্ন বিদেশি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সঙ্গে ছাত্র ও শিক্ষক বিনিময়ের পরিকল্পনা আছে।

বি ই কলেজের যে-সব প্রাক্তন ছাত্র বর্তমানে জর্জ ওয়াশিংটন এবং উইন্ডসর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শিক্ষকতা করছেন, তাঁরাই এই বিনিময়ে উদ্যোগী হয়েছেন। এক প্রাক্তনী স্বপন সাহা বলেন, "কাজ সব শুরু হয়েছে। বার্ষিক আয়ের এক শতাংশ করে দিতে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে প্রাক্তনীদের।" অন্যান্য জায়গা থেকেও আর্থিক সাহায্য পাওয়া যাবে বলে জানান তিনি।



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Report published in Times of India on December 21, 2005

# Besu alumni pool in for expansion 15,000 Ex-Students To Donate 1% Of Their Monthly Income

By Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey/TNN

**Kolkata:** They have come from across the globe to help their alma mater. Over 100 alumni of Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) — the vanguard of the 15,000 alumni spread all over the globe — have converged on the Shibpur campus to pledge financial help for its expansion plans.

On Monday, coinciding with the formal announcement of their global alumni association, they pledged to gift Besu four new facilities: a 1000-seater auditorium that is expected to cost Rs 10 crore, a multistoreyed computerised library building costing approximately Rs 5 crore, helping Besu acquire 40 acres land and building an annexe to the eight storeyed academic building.

Among those present were Prabir Niyogi of the 1962 civil engineering batch who is now settled in Ontario, Canada, Arun Deb of the 1957 civil engineering batch who now heads West-

on Solutions (a prominent civil engineering consultancy firm in Philadelphia), Swapan Saha who works for an IT company in San Francisco, Nihar Biswas of the 1970 civil engineering



batch who is presently dean of students in the University of Windsor, Canada, Prabir Bagchi of the 1969 mechanical engineering batch who is dean of George Washington University and Tarun Basu who is director of the school of computer science at the University of Texas, Dallas.

“We have floated a global alumni foundation website and linked up with the 15,000 strong community. Those who could not come have promised to network with the collegemates of their region in collecting funds,” Shantanu Karmakar, secretary of the foundation and teacher of Besu told TOI.

Recently, an alumnus of the 1952 electrical engineering department settled in San Francisco, Bhudev Lodh, had donated Rs 44 lakh, which helped build an entire floor on the academic building. A donation of Rs 1 crore by Amrit Das, who graduated in 1968, helped set up the Purabi Das School of IT at Besu. The technologically advanced seminar room that has just come up on the campus was built at a cost of Rs 16 lakh — entirely funded by the alumni. “Every alumnus will immediately start giving 1% of their monthly income. There will be other donation drives,” Swapan Saha, who flew down from San Francisco for Monday’s programme, said.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON GAABESUS MEMBERSHIP

▪ *How can one become a GAABESUS Member?*

Any alumnus of BEC/BECDU/BESUS can become a member of GAABESUS by paying membership fees and agreeing to the [published bye-laws](#). In order to become a GAABESUS member:

- 1) Register on-line to GAABESUS (you can do so by following this [link](#)). Please remember your username and password since you may have to use it in the future. (If you do forget your username and/or your password, please send a request to [gaabesu@gmail.com](mailto:gaabesu@gmail.com) with your full name, year of graduation and department). Alternately, please send the following [letter](#) and [application form](#) to Alumni office.
- 2) Send your membership fees

Alumni working abroad but maintaining bank accounts in India can pay from their Indian bank accounts at the rate of their working countries. All other alumni are requested to contact their local alumni representatives as membership fees will be collected at local country level till GAABESUS receives FCR clearance from the Home Ministry, Delhi. Once it receives the clearance, local representatives will transfer the funds to alumni office.



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▪ *Who can be contacted for membership?*

- Canada – Jyoti R Sengupta, 1954CE
- UK – Nandalal Ghosh, 1963CE
- Kuwait – Santosh K Sinha, 1965CE
- UAE – Somnath SinhaRay, 1987Arch
- Oman – Rajdeep Datta, 1988EE
- Japan – Debabrata Pal, 2000EE
- USA - In USA, if you pay by personal check, please make your check payable to “BECAA” and mail your application forms and check to the following address:

BECAA  
C/o Mr. Saroj Bhol  
54 Bosko Drive  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
Tel: (732) 257 5989

Alumni in the USA, Canada, Japan, Euro-land, UK, and Australia can pay on-line by a credit card. Follow this [link](#) to sign on to the GAABESUS website and make a payment.

▪ *How my payment will be processed?*

When alumni office receives your payment, alumni office assistants will process them and your name will show up at the GAABESUS website on [this page](#). You will also receive an email confirmation from alumni office. You will also be added to the GAABESUS’ mailing list to receive all future messages from alumni office via email. When your local chapter collects your membership dues, they will send the membership lists periodically to the alumni office for processing. Until such time as the membership is fully processed by the alumni office, your membership status will show up as “Pending” even though you will enjoy all membership privileges. The list of pending members shows up at the GAABESUS website on [this page](#). Once alumni office receives your payment from the local chapters (after FCR clearance) and finishes processing your application, your name will appear as a life/annual member.

▪ *How can one obtain further information on GAABESUS membership?*

In order to view the complete list of frequently asked questions, [click here](#). In order to visit the GAABESUS website, [click here](#).

▪ *What is the future course of action?*

In the near future, the GAABESUS Ad-hoc team will be expanded with official representatives from country and/or local chapters. Several sub-committees will be formed with committee chairs and members to undertake different tasks for GAABESUS including membership drives, communication, legal and constitution, alumni operation and alumni initiatives. The preliminary list will be shared with all alumni by January 18, 2006 for review and feedback. Finally, the list will be reviewed, approved and distributed to all alumni by January 31, 2006. Membership sub-committee will undertake membership drive around the world. The alumni office committee will be responsible for finalizing the logistics of membership operations (membership kits, processes, etc.).

An election will be held by March 31, 2006 if at least 500 paid members are registered.

Once election is over, the elected team will reorganize the committees and focus on GAABESUS Goals including but not limited to 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration, and IIT initiative.

Dated: \_\_/\_\_/20\_\_

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**APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL/LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am enclosing the Membership/Affiliated Membership Application Form duly filled in and signed together with the Life/Annual Membership Fee of INR \_\_\_\_\_ (Indian Rupees \_\_\_\_\_)/U.S.\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars \_\_\_\_\_)/£ Stg./F Fr./S Fr./DM \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_), for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 20\_\_ to 31<sup>st</sup> March 20\_\_.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the payment and send me the membership certificate.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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(Signature)

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**IMPORTANT**

Subscription (Payable to GAABESU, S.B. A/C No. E-377147 of UBI, B. E. College Extn. Counter, Howrah – 711 103) for:

1. Life Membership (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives and Sri Lanka): INR 2500.00. Annual Membership is Rs 150 till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 and INR 250.00 after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006.
2. Life Membership (Middle East): INR 5000.00. Annual Membership (Middle East): INR 500.00.
3. Life Membership (Rest of the world): US\$ 300.00 (or INR 13,500.00); Annual Membership (Rest of the world): US\$ 30.00 (or INR 1,350.00).



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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

<b>Name</b> (Full Name in Block Letters):	
<b>◆ Sex:</b> Male/Female	<b>Title</b> (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms./Capt./Col. etc.):
<b>◆ Occupation:</b> Business/Service/Others (Please specify):	
<b>Office Address</b> (in full with E-mail ID):	
<b>Residential Address</b> (in full with E-mail ID):	
<b>◆ Mailing Address – Office/Residence/Other</b> (Please specify):	
<b>Telephone Numbers</b> ( <i>together with Country &amp; area codes</i> )	<b>Office: Residence:</b>
<b>Mobile/Cell Phone Number(s):</b>	
<b>◆ Relationship with School:</b> Alumnus/Alumnae/Affiliate (Spouse/Well-wisher)	
<b>■ Date of Birth</b> (date & month): <i>(Optional)</i>	<b>■ Date of Wedding</b> (date & month): <i>(Optional)</i>
<b>Year of Graduation from B. E. College (Cal. Univ.)/ BECDU/ BESUS with degree and discipline:</b>  <b>For Affiliated Members: Name of School &amp; Year of Graduation if Applicable:</b>	
<b>✓ Any other relevant information</b>	

[I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association as exists and as may be changed from time to time and also intimate the changes in data, if any, immediately.

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(Signature of the applicant)]

#### NOTE

- ◆ Please strike out whatever is not applicable.
- Dates of Birth & Wedding are being requested so that greetings may be sent in future.
- ✓ We would like to share your achievements. Kindly indicate all of your academic, professional, social and other achievements.