

## 6<sup>th</sup> Alumni Day 2019

The Alumni Day was conceptualized to be a family event with social touch within the Campus by the Alumni, of the Alumni, and for the Alumni to rekindle the nostalgia of the bygone days with old friends and to make new acquaintances. The event was scheduled in such a way [last Sunday of each year] so that our ex-Students across different continents and at pan-Indian locations could plan well in advance to attend. After the success of its 5<sup>th</sup> edition [held on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2018], GAABESU organized the 6<sup>th</sup> Alumni Day-2019 at the Flag hosting ground at IEST Campus (opposite of the 1<sup>st</sup> lobby) on December 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The day-long program witnessed a hugely satisfying participation from Alumni across different batches. The total footfall count was more than 500. The event hosted Alumni ranging from 1951 batch to that of 2017.

The program for the day kicked off at 9:00 am by Registration followed by networking and “adda” over several rounds of tea/coffee and snacks. At 10:30 am the event was inaugurated by Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti, Director of IEST, Shibpur; Prof. Arndam Biswas, Dean International Relations & Alumni Affairs, Smt. Anjana Ganguly Roy, the President of GAABESU and Sri Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh, Secretary, GAABESU by lighting the traditional lamp . After the inauguration Smt. Anjana Ganguly Roy welcomed the Director, IEST, Shibpur and Dean of International Relations and Alumni Affairs with the floral bouquet. Prof. Pratik Dutta, Convener of 6<sup>th</sup> Alumni Day spoke about the day’s program. Smt. Ganguly Roy, President of GAABESU added grace with her welcome address. She spoke about the Love and Passion of the alumni community towards the institute and its wellbeing. Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti addressed the alumni community. He touched upon the current scenario of academics and infrastructure of the institute and mentioned the areas where alumni can pitch in for help. After the speeches of the eminent guests the inaugural session ended with the vote of thanks from the Secretary, Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh. The anchor of the inaugural session was Sri Subhasish Majumdar.

Immediately after the inaugural session, the Business Meet started at 11.30 am anchored by Prof. Pratik Dutta, Convener of the Alumni Day. Prof Arindam Biswas spoke about the Institute Alumni Cell Activities and institute’s projects where alumni can extend their support. Prof Debabrata Mazumder talked about the possible areas where student-centric assistance was requested from the alumni. Dr. Bibhor Das talked about the campus beautification drive. Open Question-Answer Session for interaction between the alumni and institute officials ended at 12 p.m.

Down-the-Memory-Lane an open session for the alumni to re-live their past started at 12 p.m. anchored by Smt. Anjana Ganguly Roy, President of GAABESU. This session witnessed songs , recitations , nurturing of sweet memories of college days from the alumni . Session ended with a happy note.

A sumptuous lunch was arranged where one and all relished ethnic Bengali style dishes with sweets from famous outlets in Kolkata.

Open mike event started during lunch, by students of LITSOC.

GAABESU also encouraged students of different departments and societies of IEST to put up their stalls to showcase their talents and recent achievements. The Society of Automotive Engineers, Entrepreneurship Development Society, Aerospace Engineering Society, SCAGE, LitSoc and Impetus – Mechanical Engineering Department put up their stalls and interacted with the present alumni.

A souvenir called “Alumni Link 2019” was released to commemorate the occasion. A decent Jute bag with the Alumni Link souvenir has been given to all registered alumni from the Registration counter. GPT Infracore Ltd. and International Combustion (India) Ltd. were the Gold Sponsors for the Event. As many as 40 agencies supported this grand event through the Advertisement and sponsorship.

Before and after the lunch many alumni enjoyed the Campus tour with their family members riding by 4 TOTOs. Like earlier years, 60-65 IEST students worked enthusiastically as a volunteer to make the event successful.

Afternoon session started with a singing performance by Shri Subhasish Majumdar an alumnus of this institute. Audience was mesmerised by his nostalgic old Bengali songs. After this program there was another singing performance by Smt. Sukanya Roy Sarkar. Her folk and baul songs kept the audience spellbound. Some audiences danced with her melodious songs.

The show at the campus ended with tea, coffee and adda. Since participants came from far ends of the town, some from different towns and different countries for the event, some leisurely started dispersing for the day.

With the sunset on the day filled with Fun, Fraternity, and Food, all promised to come back again on December 27th 2020: “*Aschhe Bachhor Abaar Habe*”.

The Steering Committee, on behalf of GAABESU, extends heartfelt thanks to the entire Alumni Community for ensuring a stupendous success in exceeding the objective of the 6<sup>th</sup> Alumni Day.

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