



Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur

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Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to place the Annual Report on the activities of Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESU), for the period September 2017 to August 2018, before you at this Annual General Meeting.

At the outset, we note with heavy heart loss of some of our alumni and ex-faculty members over the past year.

They were Subimal Ghosh (1950 CE), Rashbehari Ghatak (1962 EE), Apurba Dasgupta (1957 CE), Prabir Kumar Gupta (1967 CE), Indranil Guha (1979 EE), Pranab Sengupta (1979 ME), Tapan Ghosh (1968 CE), Monideep Chattopadhyay (1963 ARCH), Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay (2006 ME), Sobhonlal Bonnerjee (1961 ARCH), Nirmalendu Das (1987 EE), Santanu Sen (1981 EE), Paramesh Ranjan Dhar (1957 CE), Amiya Kumar Dasgupta (1945 CE), Dhruva Nath Ray (1953 ME), Sanjay Bagchi (1988 ME), Ujjal Adhikary (1998 ETC), Shyamal Kanti Dasgupta (1958 MET), Prof. Pijush Kanti Som (1950 CE), Shubhendu Kumar (1969 CE), Amitava Sarkar (1969 CE), Buddhadeb Dasgupta (1954 ME), Amal Chandra Sarkhel (1954 CE), Bibhuti Bhisn Bhawmik (1954 Civil), Dilip Chatterjee (1969 Mech), Mahima Ranjan Santra (1962 Civil), Amal Bhusan Ghosh Dastidar (1960 Min), Dr Dhruvajyoti Ghosh (1968 Civil), Prof. Birendra Nath Neogy (1951 Civil), Saktipada Mukhopadhyay (1959 Civil), Asit Ranjan Das (1961 Elec), Sachindra Nath Maiti (1959 Civil), Saktidas Banerjee (1955 Civil), Pabitra Kumar Purakayastha (1953 Mech), Arun Kumar Sarkar (1951 Civil), Subir Kumar Dey Sarkar (1956 Civil), Salil Kumar Sen (1951 Civil), Prof. Sushanta Sarkar (1966 Civil), Mukul Ray (1960 Civil), Sanjay Deb (1965 Civil), S K Datta (1954 Civil), Bimalendu Das (1953 Civil), Amal Kanti Dey (1967 Civil), Tapash Chatterjee (1956 Civil), Bhaskar Sengupta (1961Mech), Prabir Kumar Bhattacharya (1967 Civil), Nimesh Ranjan Das (1968 Civil), Siba Prasad Mukherjee (1958 Civil), Tapan Kumar Mitra (1968 Civil), Shelly Adhikari (CST, 98), Amitava Saha (Ghum) 1977 CE , Bholanath Pal (1976 ETC), Asim Kumar Mitra , (CE, 62).

Our ex-teacher, Prof. Kamada Kanta Majumdar also passed away during this period. On behalf of All Alumni Fraternity we offer our deep condolence to the bereaved Members of the families and the friends of the departed alumni. May their souls rest in eternal peace! We shall now observe one-minute silence for the memory of the departed souls.

Executive Committee 6 (2017-19)

Executive Committee for the period 2017-19 was formed after declaration of the EC election results in the 10th AGM held on September 16, 2017. Office Bearers were elected on the same day after the AGM. Along with the Office Bearers of the Executive Committee several sub-committees were formed to carry forward the activities within the stated aims and

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objectives of GAABESU. These Sub-Committees include Admission Grant and Scholarship, Research Award, Fellowship for Excellence, Student Award (Extracurricular), Travel Grant, Emergency Fund, etc. Some of these sub-committees have active volunteers and are running commendably well. However, for others, we need active involvement of many more volunteers for proper functioning of the sub-committees.

Because of resignation of one elected EC members, Shri Banibrata Mandal, one position fell vacant. EC, in its meeting dated 4th October 2017, decided to co-opt Sri Prosenjit Chakraborty (1987 EE) as a Member of EC. Few other active members of GAABESU were nominated to become Permanent Invitee (PI) of the Executive Committee.

Membership Growth

GAABESU has current membership strength of 3137, out of which 1761 are life members and the others are annual members. Most of the annual members are recently graduated students from the Institute, who became members by their caution money transferred to GAABESU membership fund.

GAABESU operational expenses are solely met from the membership fund as funds received for other purposes are fully spent for the specific purpose. Sluggish Growth of membership has been a point of concern for the organization and all of us need to work together to ensure that we enroll as many new life members as possible in future.

We have taken up a drive to update the records of all our members, including their addresses, e-mails and latest phone numbers. For this purpose, we have sent mails to all members, all local chapters, all batches represented by EC members. However, the response is very lukewarm. We shall once again remind all the members to update their records at the earliest.

Election Process Write-Up

Executive Committee, in its meeting dated 13th January 2018 had formed a sub-committee for review and finalize the process of election for EC. As per clause no. 5.3.3 of Regulation part of GAABESU MoA, EC has the power to define the method of carrying out the elections. It was decided that the members of the 2013 committee for Review of GAABESU MoA & regulation will be the members of the new committee, under the Chairmanship of Sri Amitava Ghosal, ex-President, GAABESU. In the same EC meeting, EC has requested the Election Commission of 2017 to prepare a note detailing the actual process followed for 2017 election, the first election in GAABESU history, as well as to include the problems faced while carrying out the elections. On receipt of this write-up, the sub-committee members reviewed the same, deliberated over the document as well as some other suggestions received and finally decided to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the EC Election Process, generally in line with the process followed in 2017, which shall override the present requirements of Clause nos. 5.3 & 5.4 of the Regulations part of MoA, as well be followed in all future elections. This Write-Up was prepared, reviewed by EC members and finally approved in the EC meeting dated 26th May 2018, which will be followed for all future elections. These requirements will be formally incorporated in the MoA-Regulation part in due course, after a few years, as the Registrar Office has suggested not to bring any further amendments in a few years' time.



GAABESU Strategic Planning Write-Up

Executive Committee, in its meeting dated 10th November 2017 had formed a sub-committee for preparing a Strategic Planning for GAABESU under the Chairmanship of Sri Tapas Som. This sub-committee members prepared a draft write-up, deliberated over the document as well as the suggestions received from other EC members and finalized the Write-Up for the GAABESU Strategic Planning. This Write-Up was prepared by the sub-committee, reviewed by EC members and finally approved in the EC meeting dated 7th July 2018. We have already started acting on the Strategic Planning. The sub-committee is working regularly to get & monitor feedback on progress and has assigned particular persons responsible for individual goals. We have also met the Director-IEST recently to take up few short-term targets. Other goals will also be taken up in our future meetings with the Institute authorities and the Director.

Annual Accounts and Audit Report

The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2017-18 had already been circulated to all members. Same will be presented by the Treasurer.

Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in regular interval and this continued for the initial few years. Quarterly publication of GAABESU newsletter (ALUMNI LINK) is still continuing, which carries news of the institute community. This has been possible due to the diligent and professional approach of the Publicity Sub-Committee.

Activities of the Association

1. Scholarship, Excellence Award and Research Award
2. Travel Grant Programme
3. Emergency Fund
4. Alumni Day
5. Other various activities

Scholarship, Research Award, and Debate Competition

Among GAABESU's different activities, Scholarship Programme has been a real success story. Although it started in San Francisco, USA about 19 years back, expanded substantially when it came under GAABESU umbrella. GAABESU has increased the number of Scholarship / admission/grants/book grants to the needy students substantially over the years. 16 scholarships have been awarded "**Alumni Fellowship for Excellence**" to the students on merit, Sports and leadership. From the year 2012 "**Research Fellowship Award**" was included in the programme.

This year GAABESU included one new Debate competition, named as "Paramesh Ranjan Dhar memorial Debate competition" initiated by friends of Late Paramesh Ranjan Dhar (1957 CE).



The parameter of scholarship is changing over last few years, because of changes in the fees structure of the Institute, as well as the IEST conversion in 2014. The Scholarship Committee shall again undertake revision of the guidelines, so as to match the recent developments in the Institute.

With the need cum merit basis scholarship this year GAABESU awarded 30 Scholarships to the meritorious students based upon IEST last examination Merit List.

A concise list is given below:

• 28 Merit based scholarships @12000/- & 6000	= Rs.3,12,000/-
• 21 Need based Scholarships @ 12000/-	= Rs.2,48,000/-
• 6 Individual Sponsored Scholarships	= Rs.72,000/-
• 23 Group sponsored Scholarships @12,000	= Rs.2,64,000/-
• 2 Half Scholarships @6000/-	= Rs.6,000/-
• 4 book grants @2000/-	= Rs.8,000/-
• 19 Alumni Fellowship for Excellence Awards	= Rs.2,99,500/-
• 8 UG & PG Research Awards	= Rs.1,44,000/-
• <u>3 Debate Competition Awards</u>	= Rs.6,500/-
TOTAL AMOUNT	= Rs. 13,66,000/-

The names of the recipients and the donors were posted in our web site. GAABESU thanks all donors for their generosity.

Travel Grant Programme

This program is solely intended for the present students of IEST, Shibpur. Partial assistance is provided to students for attending national/international Conferences/Seminars of repute. These also include seminars, conferences, innovative design competitions, research paper presentation and receiving of awards of international repute (only if the work was done at IEST, Shibpur or the awardee is the principal investigator of the work), international students' summit etc, subject to certification by IEST respective department head and acceptance by GAABESU.

This year we awarded following travel grants (total amounting to around Rs.56000/-) after due-diligence by the Travel Grant Committee:

- Rs 10,000/- to Sumit Banerjee, PHD Scholar, Department of Mining, under supervision of Prof. N.C. Dey for attending 10th International conference (TUR 2017) being organized in Krynica, Poland during 26-29 September; where the abstract of his paper was selected.
- Rs 10,000/- to Partha Mukhopadhyay, PHD Scholar, Department of Mining, under supervision of Prof. N.C. Dey for attending International Conference at AGH University, Krakow, Poland and to visit laboratory and participate in academic discussion on and from 24/09/17 to 04/10/17.
- Rs. 6,300/- to Punyajoy Saha and Sandipan Sarma, 3rd year CST to attending a conference named 'ICACCP-2017' at SMIT, Sikkim on 8th to 10th September 2017.



- Travel Grant committee sanctioned Rs. 30,000/- to Gopinath T a PHD student of Metallurgy and Material Science for attending the 14th International Conference on Diffusion in Solids and Liquids (DSL2018), which was held at the Mercure Hotel Amsterdam City in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from 25-29 June 2018.

Emergency Fund

The Emergency Fund Sub-Committee maintains a corpus fund that can be utilized in the time of need and replenish with individual campaign as and when alumni or their family members seek help through their local Alumni Chapter, friends or relatives.

GAABESU has been able to help a few of our Alumni by providing emergency assistance during the time of difficulties. The total amount collected during this period is around Rs.28.78Lakhs, out of which, Rs.15Lakhs+ have already been disbursed. All contributions are acknowledged and posted in our web site. Since the last AGM of August 2017, fund drives undertaken are as follows:

- Fund of Rs. 46,650.00 raised to help Mr. Dipak Ranjan Mandal(1992EE). His one kidney was transplanted in 2000 but not working well. So, the other needed to be transplanted as soon as possible. Approximate cost of this transplant, including the cost of kidney and post-operative treatment is approximately 17 lakhs INR. GAABESU also extended support to Mr. Mandal in 2000.
 - Fund of Rs. 48,412/- raised to support Mr. Amit Roy (1974/ARCH). He was suffering from acute pneumonia, and was in ventilation in Narayana Health (Old West Bank Hospital) for couple of days. He is cured now.
 - Fund of Rs.81,078/- raised to help Mr. Ujjal Adhikari (1998/ ETC). He was suffering from Hypoxie Ischemic Encephalopathy Wesepsis from 24/07/2017. He was admitted in Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata on 25/07/2017 to 04/08/2017. We are sorry to inform that after a long treatment Mr. Ujjal Adhikari died on 08.12.2017. We all pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.
 - Fund of Rs. 1,62,060/- raised to help Mr. Sandip Ray (1997/CE) for his medical treatment. He had been diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) – a form of blood cancer and undergoing treatment for the same since September 2016. This treatment is extremely expensive and till now almost Rs. 70 Lakhs have been spent on the same.
 - Fund of Rs.2,36,272/- raised to help Mr. Abhijit Sengupta (2013 IT) for treatment of his Father Ashis Sengupta who was suffering from Decompensated Chronic Liver Disease – CTB Class B since January, 2015. As advised by Doctors, his father should undergo Liver Transplantation at the earliest. Abhijit and his family, have already spent more than ten (10) lakhs for the treatment. After a long treatment his father Ashis Sengupta died on June 2018 due to multiple organ failure.
 - GAABESU raised Rs. 9,25,892.00 to help Mr. Arindam Bhattacharya (1987CE). He has been suffering from chronic kidney disease due to diabetic nephropathy since end of 2013. It is a degenerative disease and gradually the physical condition got worsened. The final solution of this problem is kidney transplantation and the complete cost of it inclusive of post-operative care is around 30 lakh (minimum)
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depending on the condition. GAABESU paid Rs. 1,00,000/- for his initial treatment and balance fund will be handed over shortly.

- Fund of Rs. 56,050/- raised to help Mr. Subrata Kumar Panda (1997/CE) for the treatment of his Sister who is suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease. He needs more 6-7 Lakhs for further treatment at CMC Vellore.
- 1957 batch raised Rs. 418245/- to help their batchmate Mr. Pranab Lahiri (1957/CE) for his old age medical expenses. GAABESU send the money partly as advised by the donors.
- **Ongoing case:** GAABESU Emergency Fund Raising Committee has decided to initiate a Global Fund-raising drive to support Shri Ramananda Chatterjee (1963/ME). He had a severe cerebral attack when traveling to Switzerland as Tourist. Total fund collected for him is approx. 3.8 Lakhs. The fund raising closed on 31st July 2018. Total amount will be handed over to his son shortly.

GAABESU was supporting a needy family of late Sajal Paul (2014 ME) by transferring quarterly interest from the Fixed Deposit of 3.5 lakhs. The FD was matured on June 2018 and total amount Rs. 3.5 Lakhs handed over to Mr. Gobinda Ch. Paul (Father of late Sajal Paul) on 29th June 2018.

Alumni Day

Alumni Day was conceptualized in 2014 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 successful 3 years GAABESU organized the 4th Alumni Day-2017 at the Netaji Bhavan area on December 31st 2017. The day-long programme witnessed a hugely satisfying participation from Alumni across different batches. The total footfall count was more than 400. The programme for the day kicked off at 9:00 am by Registration followed by networking and "adda" over several rounds of tea/coffee. At 10:30am the event was inaugurated by Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray [74ETC], Director-IEST Shibpur. Shri Achyut Ghosh [61ME], the President of GAABESU, added grace with his welcome address. Dr. Prabir Kumar Neogi, an alumnus (1962, Civil) explained his plans to donate a sum of INR 50,00,000 to the Institute to set up the Provat Chandra Neogi Memorial Endowment Fund, in the memory of his late father Shri Provat Chandra Neogi, who was also an alumnus (1928, Civil Engineering) of this institution and his Mother Smt. Uma Rani Neogi. This fund has already been donated for Award for Excellence for women students in the 4-year BTech and 5-year Integrated BTech/MTech program, and also to promote and support research in the areas of Water Resource Engineering, Environmental Studies and related issues. The MOU was signed between Dr. Neogi and University representative Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, IEST and Prof. Santanu Kumar Karmakar, Dean, Alumni Affairs, IEST at this inaugural session. GAABESU also announced the name of 30 recipients who received the Merit basis scholarship for this 2017-18 academic year. The names were announced by the Chairman of Scholarship Committee Lt. Col. Anjan Ghosh. There was Business Meet attended by eminent personalities from Industry and Institution including past presidents of GAABESU. As per tradition, the Souvenir "Alumni Link" was published and distributed to all attendees with a memento of the event. GAABESU arranged



4 TOTO's for enjoying the campus tour before and after the lunch. Many alumni enjoyed the Campus tour with their family members.

Besides the gala lunch, afternoon session started with a performance of a college band followed by the song by Ranjan Prosad Das (1969/ARCH) and "folk song" by Sukanya Dey Sarkar. Present Alumni and their families enjoyed their songs a lot.

With the sunset on the day filled with Fun, Fraternity, and Food, all promised to come back again on 5th Alumni Day.

Next Alumni Day 2018 will be held on 29th & 30th December (last Sunday of the year) in the IEST campus, to be organized jointly with IEST. First day will be a Technical Conclave with representations from various Industries, followed by Alumni Meet on the next day. All Members are requested to participate in the event.

Paramesh Ranjan Dhar Memorial Debate Competition

In memory of Late Praamesh Ranjan Dhar (1957/CE) GAABESU organized a Debate Competition among the present students of IEST on 5th March at 5.30 pm at the Alumni Seminar Hall at IEST Campus. Wife, Son and Daughter of Late Paramesh R Dhar was present on that occasion. Other eminent personalities and friends of Mr. Dhar were also present on that day. The topic for debate is "**The house believes democracies should not ally with authoritarian regimes**". Excellent speeches delivered by 11 participants for and against of this motion. The winners of the Debate were as follows:

Best Speaker (For): Manish Banerjee

Best Speaker (Against): Adrish Bhattacharya

Runner's Up: Kanav Mehra

Farewell of Prof. Ajay Kumar Ray, Director, IEST, Shibpur

Executive Committee of GAABESU organized a small farewell program to Prof Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director of our institute to honour many contributions and the camaraderie between him and GAABESU. He has since left the Institute after the end of his tenure.

The program successfully held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, 5 PM at Alumni Seminar Hall of IEST Campus. Many members and eminent personalities were present at the programme.

Welcome to new Director-IEST Prof. Parthasarathi Chakrabarti

GAABESU President sought time from the new Director-IEST after his assuming office and Executive Committee members met him at his office on 14th May 2018. GAABESU welcomed him in our century-old institute and promised our whole-hearted cooperation for all his efforts towards betterment of our institute.

We once again met the Director on 10th June 2018 to discuss specifically the proposed joint organization of Alumni Day along with some other short-term strategic issues. The Director has given his consent and we have issued a formal request.



Looking Forward

I, on behalf of the Executive Committee, appreciate the selfless work put up by the members to uphold the spirit of the organization and without whose help GAABESU could never function. I also must mention about the help and co-operation extended by the Office Assistants of GAABESU, whose active participation were essential to run this organization smoothly. I appreciate all help extended by IEST authorities, faculty members and others in the administration. Without their help it would not have been possible to move forward. At the end, I thank all Alumni for their help and guidance. We are still trying to be a true representative of all alums in their interaction with the institute.

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU.

(Somnath Sinha Ray)
Secretary, GAABESU