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ANNUAL REPORT

At the outset let it be mentioned with heavy heart that we lost some of our Alumni during last year. They are Commodore S K. Chatterjee (1936/CE), Rajendra Prasad, Niranjana B. Benegal (1960/ARCH), Major General Pijush Gupta (65/CE), Samir K Sen (55/ME), Prof Shyam Pada Sen (1948/ME), Asit Kumar Chatterjee (1971/CE), Tapan Mitra (1968/CE), Kalyan Sarkar (1987/CE), Sujay Basak (1971/ME), Sunil Kumar Majumdar (1948/ME), Anuj Banerjee (1969/CE), Manas Kamal Roy Choudhury (1964/EE), Naresh C. Sarkar (1962/EE), Satyen Guha-Biswas (1955/CE), Utpal Kahali (1977), Ashoke Giri (1977), Sitendra Nath Sikdar (1966/CE), Gautam Basu (1969/ME), Sailendra Kumar Mitra, (1941/CE), V. Sundareswaran (VS)(1954/ARCH), Utpal K. Ray (1957/EE), Arun Kanjilal (1960/EE), Pranab Sengupta (1961/CE), Binayak Mallick (1987/CE), Sanjib Mukherjee (1969/MinE), Sankar Bose (1970/CE), Amitabha Muhhopadhyay (1967/EE).

On behalf of GAABESU we offer our sincere condolence to the friends and families of departed alumni. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

It is my pleasure in placing the Annual report on the activities of Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESU), for the period August 2012 to September 2013, before you, the members of the Association, at this Annual General Meeting.

Conversion of BESU

Formation of GAABESU has a link with the effort of conversion of BESUS to an Institute of National Importance initiated in 2003 by faculty and administration of the Institute. GAABESU, being extremely eager for the proposed conversion, has been trying to extend a supportive role in the process. Obviously members may be interested to know the development in the process of conversion of BESUS to IEST.

The Cabinet Committee of Government of India accorded its approval on 12th October 2010. The Government of India also allocated some funds in its consecutive annual budgets for the purpose of conversion of BESUS to IEST. The bill for enactment of IEST was put on the table of the Parliament in its budget session and Parliament decided to send the bill to the Parliamentary Standing Committee. All the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee in its meeting held on 1st October 2013 agreed that the conversion of BESUS to IEST should be materialised soon and to place its report to the parliament at the earliest so that the papers could be put on the table of the Parliament in the winter session of 2013. The letter of the Hon'ble Union Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to GAABESU is encouraging in this regard. It is expected that BESUS would be converted to IEST very soon.

Executive Committee (2011-13)

Executive Committee for the period 2011-13 was formed in the AGM on 23rd July 2011. Office Bearers were elected in a week after the AGM. Along with the Office Bearers of the Executive Committee several Sub-Committees with their Co-Champions, members and permanent invitees were constituted in the present Executive Committee. These Sub-Committees are as follows:

1. Academic Affairs (Students Research Award, Counseling and Seminar)
2. Communications (Publishing News Link, Web posting etc.)



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3. Community Aid (Financial Aid Such as Emergency Fund Travel Grants etc.)
4. Finance (Accounts Management and Treasury functions) and Fund Raising (Resource Mobilization for special projects etc.)
5. Membership promotion, Alumni relation and services.
6. Scholarship
7. Student Activities (Sports, debate, quiz, Freshers' Welcome, drama, project competition, model making, robotics etc.)
8. University/Industry relations.

Election process of the Executive Committee for the year 2013-15 has been completed and the New Executive Committee will be announced formally in this AGM.

Annual Accounts and Audit Report

The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2011-12 had already been circulated to all members in the last year. The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2012-13 are being placed now.

Activities of the Association

GAABESU was formed and registered as per West Bengal Societies Act XXVI of 1961 vide Registration no S/IL/29880 of 2005-2006 dated 10th June 2005. The present Executive Committee took charge from the previous Executive Committee on 23rd July 2011.

The members of the present Executive Committee would hand over the charges to the incoming Executive Committee after this AGM today, the 5th October 2013 in a meeting that would be held at GAABESU Office.

The activities of the association identify themselves with a set of guiding principles and goals to fulfill GAABESU's mission i.e.

- A. To reach, serve and engage all its alumni/alumnae, faculty members and students in order to foster a lifelong intellectual and emotional bond between the college and its graduate.
- B. To enhance the status of Bengal Engineering and Science University, (BESU) so that it is again recognized as a premier institution for education and research in India.

The progress of activities of GAABESU in the last one year will be reviewed in this report, so that course correction can be made, if needed.

1. Goal: Promote BESU and Lobby for its Proper Recognition

Interactions were made by President, individual members of GAABESU and BESU alumni with Delhi and state level politicians, bureaucrats and connected alumni with regards to IEST.

2. Goal: Strategic Partnership

Alumni Recognition

We are happy that Dr Subrata Saha, Dr Gautam Biswas and Mr R N Banerjee were given Distinguished Alumni Award by BESU..

3. Goal: Corpus Fund Development

According to strategic plan the goal is to raise INR 2 Crore by end of 2014. We are glad to inform that over INR 2.2 Crore has already been raised.

We are happy to inform that now GAABESU possesses right as bestowed in FCRA (Foreign Currency regulation Act) and 80G approval. FCRA approval is required for receiving foreign currency and coordination with foreign chapters for income tax benefits where applicable. For



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FCRA one Current A/C has been opened exclusively for receiving foreign contribution. This financial year GAABESU got 80G registration and donors in India are getting 50% relief in income tax U/S **80(G)** of Income Tax. All donations are duly acknowledged electronically or through regular posts and publicized through monthly report and website posting.

Funds raised/donated by GAABESU chapter, batches and/or individual alumni and businesses:

- Alumni Swimming Pool Project - GAABESU portion - INR 90 lakhs
- 1987 Batch Travel Grant – INR 9 Lakh
- 1971 Batch donation for Gymnasium – INR 5 lakhs
- 1953 Entrance Batch for Gymnasium – INR 2.64 Lakhs
- 1963 Batch for Gymnasium – INR 2.95 Lakhs
- 1958/62 Batch Donation – INR 3.26 Lakhs
- Shyamal K. Mitra for international travel and/or domestic travel from other states in India for invited visionaries – INR 500000 lakhs.

Scholarships, Admission Grants, Emergency funds and Travel Grants are currently being raised outside of Corpus Fund and will be continued.

Scholarship, Admission Grant Research Award & Students Reward Programme

Among GAABESU's different activities, Scholarship Programme has been a success story. Although it started in San Francisco, USA about 15 years back, it has expanded substantially when it came under GAABESU umbrella. GAABESU has increased the number of Scholarship/admission/grants/book grants to the needy students substantially for the last 6 years. Since last 5 year, 6 scholarships have been awarded "**Alumni Fellowship for Excellence**" to the students on merit, Sports and leadership. Last year new "**Research Fellowship Award**" and "**Students Reward Programme**" was included in the programme.

This year the scholarships that have been awarded are:

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| • 102 scholarships @12000.00 | = Rs. 12,24,000.00 |
| • 11 book grants @2000.00 | = Rs. 22,000.00 |
| • 2 admission grants @12,000.00 | = Rs. 24,000.00 |
| • 6 award for Alumni Fellowship for Excellence totaling | = Rs. 89,500.00 |
| • 3 UG and 1 PG Research Award totaling | = Rs. 65,000.00 |
| • 22 students awarded for Students Reward Programme | = Rs. 45,000.00 |

The total award amounted to Rs. 14,24,500.00. The names of the scholars and donors are posted in our web site. GAABESU thanks all donors for their generosity.

Travel Grants

- GAABESU handed over Rs.36,589.00 as a travel grant to Gautam Anand (1st year, MET, PG student of BESU) to present a paper in a conference named "Adventures in Physical Metallurgy of Steels" held at Christ College, University of Cambridge, U.K. during July 23-25, 2013.

Emergency Fund



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GAABESU has been able to help a few of our Alumni/Alumnae/ by providing emergency assistance during their time of difficulties. All contributions are acknowledged and posted in our web site. Since the last AGM of July 2011, fund drives undertaken are as follows:

- To help Asmi Pal, a four-year old little girl suffering from Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma of the vertebral bone and is undergoing treatment at Apollo Hospital, Chennai. She is the only loving daughter of Debashis and Smita, both young faculty members of BESU. Asmi has completed 7th cycle of chemotherapy on 17th September, 2013. (GAABESU raised 9 Lakh for her)
- Late Sougata Mukherjee (1997 ETC of BESU) died suddenly of stroke in his sleep on 12th July, 2012 morning at a very young age of 37). His fellow friends have raised fund 6 Lakhs (approx) as corpus fund for two Scholarships for "Sougata Mukherjee Memorial Awards for excellence under AFE programme w.e.f. next Academic Year.
- To help Arindam Naskar to victim of a road accident. His right left has to Amputated below knee. GAABESU raised Rs. 5 Lakhs (approx) for his artificial limb.
- To help Sounak Bhadra a student of final year B.E. (Mining Engineering) class of BESU. He suffered a cerebral attack and had to be admitted at CMRI Kolkata. The attack seems to have seriously paralyzed his right limbs. GAABESU raised fund for him. Currently GAABESU raised Rs. 1 lakhs for him and fund raising is going on.

It may be mentioned that similar efforts of fund drive started before September 30 2013 to help Rupak Das, Subir Set, Chandan Malakar, Anjali Raychowdhury, Arindam Saha Ayan Basu, Abhijit Das, Kripamoy Mondal, Late Kamal Das, Dipak Majumder and Arindam Saha and donations were managed by Emergency Fund sub-committee of GAABESU between 2007 and 2013. The guiding document (with the scope of emergency aid, how to raise and disburse fund) has been developed and updated to reflect the current process with the names of the recipients listed in our website. Total contribution is estimated to be INR 50 Lakhs since 1998-99 (including the period prior to the formation of GAABESU). 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 any alumni or their family members seek help through their local Alumni Chapter, friends or relatives. Excess money from the funds of Tania Pramanik and Ayan Basu has been transferred to this general fund disbursed to supplement Chadan Malakar and Anjali Raychowdhury cases. GAABESU thankfully acknowledges the contributions of all alums to the emergency fund.

Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in every other month and GAABESU has been able to meet the objective so far. It is a matter of pride to mention that GAABESU newsletter (ALUMNI LINK) is published professionally and carries news of the BESU community. In addition, Publicity Sub-Committee takes care of the web site too. This Sub-Committee updates the web site with news and other BESU related information regularly. When requested, this Sub-Committee also helps in editing GAABESU e-mails/letters before they are sent to the alums. In the past printed media was communicated to publicize BESU's case for conversion to INI and arranged tele-conference between BESU campus and alums living abroad. Flyers for scholarship, emergency funds, swimming pool as well as documentary film project fund-raising were also published. Regular updates for these activities are provided and acknowledgements are sent to all donors via e-mails.

The publicity group had planned to update the booklet (published for the Chancellor by a few alumni before the formation of GAABESU) detailing different fund raising activities and



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highlighting the successful completion of different projects. The Publicity Sub-Committee for the next year may like to continue publishing Alumni Link, updating web site and preparing flyers for different occasions and events.

4. Goal: Membership Growth

Membership goal by the end of 2014: **4000**.

Current GAABESU membership: **2465** (Life Members: 1097, Annual members: 1368)

Institute caution money transferred to GAABESU membership fund for consenting graduating students:

359 (2009-10) – Annual membership

209 (2010-11) – Annual Membership

351(2011-12) – Annual Membership

169 (2012-13) (till Date) – Annual Membership (not yet submitted to BESU)

Life memberships through any donation (INR5000.00 & USD300.00) (membership fees) route. This practice may also be considered in future fund raising projects for boosting life memberships.

5. Goal: Ensure GAABESU's Operational and Organizational Excellence

- Major sub-committee reports updated and posted on a routine basis including finance, membership, corpus and other sub-committee reports
- Fund accounts updated regularly, GAABESU fund investments monitored
- Donations and membership fees received are acknowledged,
- Web posted and administered Web posting of events, announcements, publicity materials on as required basis.
- Event calendar published and updated.
- Meetings, annual events, audit and other related activities organized.
- Enquiries from global alumni are promptly addressed.

6. Goal: Initiate and implement short terms strategic projects - on time and on budget

Summary of activities during the Tenure of the present Executive Committee:

Projects undertaken by GAABESU:

Projects were selected in coordination and with the approval of BESU administration. They include:

- **Two Guest Professorship – completed**

While celebrating 30th anniversary of their graduation, 1981 Batch conducted a meeting with VC to explore feasible development projects of BESUS where GAABESU can extend assistance. The need of Chair Professor can be identified as the first priority task. In this project the 1981 batch of Alumni contributed USD 4850 and handed over to BESU Authority.

- **Alumni Swimming Pool Project – completed**

GAABESU's almost ongoing big project is renovation of swimming pool project. GAABESU is pleased to collaborate with BESU to renovate the swimming pool and agreed to donate about Rs. 90 lakhs for this project. The estimated cost stands at Rs.1



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Creore 45 lakhs. GAABESU has already contributed ₹90 Lakhs for the project. The balance amount will be borne by BESU from a Government Grant for this purpose. The field work on the Swimming Pool started with the handing over the project site on December 1, 2010 to the Construction company, PAM Development Pvt Ltd. - an organization owned by an alumnus Mr Amit Samanta (BE 1976). A sub-committee was entrusted with taking this project off ground and a major milestone has now been achieved with the commencement of field work. This will be Alums' lasting gift to the student community and will show the alums of other institutions how BESU alums are working with the administration to make the campus environment better for curricular as well as extra-curricular activities. The new pool, named Alumni Swimming pool, is 25 m long and 21m wide, accommodating eight standard lanes. The deep end measures 1.95m with a 21m by 10m water polo section. The shallow end is 1.05m. Underwater illumination has been provided to allow swimming in the evening. On March 21, 2013 Governor M K Narayan and swimmer Bula Chowdhury and first lady engineer of B E College Ila Ghosh inaugurated the new half-Olympic size swimming pool. To ensure proper use and maintenance of the swimming pool, an independent executive committee within the university system, called the Aquatic Society, formed and it is comprised representatives of users of the pool. Now Students and others are enjoying the swimming pool.

- **Gymnasium renovation Project – The work is in progress**

1953 entrance batch and 1963 batch started the project. 1971 Batch also raised fund and join the project. Repair of roof and floor was completed and Toilets at Gymnasium Hall and Office Area will be taken up for upgrading. Efforts would be made to complete entire work by December, 2013 subject to availability of fund.

Projects undertaken by individual and/or batches of alumni:

2nd Gate renovation Project:

The BESU administration has identified the reconstruction of the second gate as a priority. The 1983 batch has come forward to fund this project. They have decided to provide the fund directly to the VC. To develop the plan, a competition was held amongst the students, and the prize winners have been announced and awarded. The budget for the project is Rs. 12 lakhs. The newly constructed gate is completed and inaugurated on 30th August, 2013. Hon'ble Minister Dr. Sudarshan Ghosh Dostidar, Dept. PWD & PHE, Govt of West Bengal inaugurated the Gate.

Meditation Centre (Prosanti Neer)

The Meditation Center is an octagonal shaped concrete structure. The center can accommodate about 50 persons to sit together and meditate

This has been planned, designed and built by Sri Debendra Narayan Chatterjee of 1974 Batch Civil. He has an Engineering Design Consultancy Company named BABTECH. The complete cost has been borne by Sri D N Chatterjee which is about Rs. 10.00 Lakhs. The centre was inaugurated on 28th August. 2013.

Finance and Administration

GAABESU Executive Committee Meetings

There have been 6 Executive Committee Meeting, normally at an interval of 8 weeks, held since the present Executive Committee took over charge. In every meeting Tele Conference facilities were extended particularly to the Executive Committee members residing abroad and members



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residing in India outside Kolkata. These facilities would not have been possible without the untiring efforts put by Sri Swapan Saha and Sri Bhaskar Dasgupta.

Maintenance and upkeep of GAABESU accounts

All the matured Fixed Deposit amounts have been reinvested. All the accounts under the control of GAABESU are maintained on regular basis. Maintenance and updating supports are being extended on regular basis.

Issuance of acknowledgement, receipts and 80G certifications to subscribers and donors

All the person depositing subscriptions for membership or donation in response to the fund raising campaigns for Development Projects or Emergency Fund are promptly provided with the acknowledgement and receipts electronically through e-mails or surface mail (in case of non-availability of e-mail ID) to their deposits once the amount is debited to the GAABESU or BESUS Foundation Account, without any fail. GAABESU has already sent to all the Indian donors the 80G Certifications issued by GAABESU and the Finance Officer of BESUS.

FCRA Approval

GAABESU had received necessary documents on FCRA permission from the Ministry of Home, Government of India. One Current account has been exclusively opened for receiving Foreign Currency in UBI Bank, BESUS Branch.

Status of 80G approval

GAABESU had received 80G approval from Income Tax (Exemption dept) and issued tax exemption certificate to all donors.

Freshers' Welcome

GAABESU organized a Welcome Ceremony to welcome the Fresh Students of BESU on Tuesday the 4th October 2012 at 5 p.m. at the Institute Hall of the University with GAABESU President Shyama Prasad Datta in the chair. Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray Vice-Chancellor of BESU graced the occasion by his presence as Chief Guest. Honorary Secretary Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay, Prof Santanu Karmakar, Prof. Pratik Dutta, Mr. Amitabha Datta were also present in the occasion. The Hall was packed up by the 1st year students. The programme successfully ends at 7 p.m.

Welcome ceremony to new alumni

Like previous years budding graduates of BESU were inducted into GAABESU fraternity through a simple yet Solemn function held on May 3, 2013 at 5.30 p.m. hr at the Alumni Seminar Hall.

Mr. Syama Prasad Datta (CE1967), President, GAABESU presided over the meeting. On the dais included Prof. Ajoy K. Ray, (1974ETC), Vice Chancellor, BESU; Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay (1979, Arch), Honorary Secretary, GAABESU; Lt. Col. Anjan K. Ghosh (1976, ETC) PICSA ; and Prof. Indra N. Sinha (1982 Min), Former Treasurer, GAABESU.

In his welcome address Mr. Syama Prasad Datta touched upon various activities of GAABESU and stressed the rising importance of the Association against the changing global perspectives

Thereafter Prof. Aditya Bandyopadhyay delivered his speech highlighting the various activities of GAABESU such as construction of Slater Hall, State-of-the-art Alumni Seminar Hall, holding of Scholarship programme, renovation of Swimming Pool etc.

Prof. Ajoy K. Ray, Vice Chancellor, in his illuminating address urged the graduating students to come forward to play major role in upholding the GAABESU flag to ensure that the Association continues to play its envisaged role in keeping the alma-mater at the fore front of knowledge creation and dissemination.



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Prof. Lt. Col. Anjan Ghosh described the scholarship programme of GAABESU. He earnestly requested the students to join GAABESU and lend their helping hands so that GAABESU can perform its welfare activities to benefit the deserving students through various means.

The students were then invited to express their experience during their sojourn of 4th years in the University. 37 students were present in the ceremony and submitted their Membership forms.

Before the curtain was dropped Prof. Indra N Sinha proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Instead of delivering a formal address he rather conveyed his wishes and expectations through a near-casual direct parlance.

Recognition

GAABESU recognizes the alumni/alumnae who have reached commendable milestones in their careers during the last year. We salute them. These are not only their personal accomplishments but also recognition of our Alma Mater that has nurtured them.

Appreciation

I, on behalf of the Executive Committee, appreciate the selfless works put up by all Executive Committee members, Permanent Invitees and many other Alums all over the world without which GAABESU could never function. I shall also fail in my duty if I do not mention help and co-operation extended by the Office Assistants of GAABESU, whose help and active participation were essential to run GAABESU smoothly. I appreciate all help extended by BESUS authorities, faculty members and others in the administration without their help it would not have been possible to move GAABESU forward. At the end, I thank all Alumni/Alumnae irrespective of their affiliations with GAABESU for their help and guidance in making GAABESU the best Alumni Association in India and a true representative of all alums in its interaction with BESUS.

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU,

(Syama Prasad Dutta)
President, GAABESU

(Aditya Bandyopadhyay)
Hony. Secretary, GAABESU