



**Global Alumni Association of
Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur**



SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 30, 2014, 5.30 P.M.

Alumni Seminar Hall, IEST, Shibpur



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Dear Member,

At the outset we mention with heavy heart that we lost some of our alumni during the last year. They are Sudhabrata Gangopadhyay (1962/CE), Nalini Ranjan Panda (1960/CE), Jagadish Kanjilal (1960/CE), Shyamal Dutta (1965/ME), Amit Chatterjee(1965/CE), Nikhilesh Mohari (1968/CE), Jayanta Ray Moulik (1968/CE), Pranab Kumar Gun (1965/CE), Md. Rafique (1967/CE), Kalyan Kumar Banerjee (1946/CE), Priyabrata Sen (1963/EE), Sukanti Ray (1981/EE), Sambhunath Ghosh (1956/CE), Arun Kumar Nandy (1975/ETC), Ranjit Ghosh (1968/EE), Pradip Kumar Sandel (1964/ ME), Bhaskar Sarkar (1980/EE), Madhusudan Paldas (1959/CE), Kalyan Basu(1966/CE), Tapan Mukherjee (1963/CE), Chandan Chaudhuri,(1970/ME), Priyabrata Sen (1963/EE), and Soumitra Mukherjee (1973/ CE). Kalyan Kumar Biswas (1947/CE), Ratneswar Bose (1950/CE), Gopal Kumar Mukherjee (1958/CE), Arabinda Sain (1965/CE)

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

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 2013 to August 2014, before you at this Annual General Meeting.

Conversion of BESU

During the entire process of conversion of BESU to IEST, from the first appeal on 10th August 2003 to the final conversion on 4th March 2014, there were multiple changes in power, both at the Centre and the State. These changes meant new challenges and starting afresh with every new administration. However, with focus and faith in the cause, we started involving more and more alumni from around the globe in this journey. This effort snowballed with thousands joining the cause including students, faculty members, staffs, administration, other well-wishers, legislators, and government administrators to upgrade our Alma Mater to an INI. With the signing of the bill by the President of India, our Alma Mater became the first IEST of the nation and our mission to convert BESU to an Institute of National Importance (INI) was accomplished. The Hon'ble President of India formally dedicated the first IEST to the service of the nation on August 24.

Executive Committee (2013-15)

Executive Committee for the period 2013-15 was formed in the AGM held on 5th October 2013. Office Bearers were elected within a week 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 objectives of GAABESU. These Sub-Committees include Admission Grant and Scholarship, Research Award, Fellowship for Excellence, Student Award (Extracurricular), Travel Grant, Counseling and Mentoring, Membership, Member Service, Member Recognition, Legal, Finance and Administration. Institute & GAABESU Collaboration, Emergency Fund, Publicity, and Special Project (Gymnasium Renovation). Some of these sub-committees have



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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.

Activities of the Association

Scholarship, Admission Grant, Research Award, and Students' Reward Programme

Among GAABESUs different activities, Scholarship Programme has been a real success story. Although it started in San Francisco, USA about 16 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 for the last 7 years. Since last 6 year, 6 scholarships have been awarded "**Alumni Fellowship for Excellence**" to the students on merit, Sports and leadership. One Excellence Award is added from this year. From the year 2012 a new "**Research Fellowship Award**" and "**Students Reward Programme**" were included in the programme. This year the scholarships that have been awarded are:

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| • 97scholarships @12000.00 | = Rs. 11,64,000.00 |
| • 8 book grants @2000.00 | = Rs. 16,000.00 |
| • 15 Half Scholarship @ 6000.00 | = Rs. 90,000.00 |
| • 2 admission grants @25,000.00 & 30,000.00 | = Rs. 55,000.00 |
| • 7 award for Alumni Fellowship for Excellence | = Rs 1,09,500.00 |
| • 4 UG Research Award @ 18000.00 | = Rs. 72,000.00 |

The total award amounted to Rs. 15,06,500.00. Additionally, 14 Awards worth Rs 50,000 were given to 14 students under Students' Reward Program for winning prizes in various competitions held in other prestigious institutes like IIT, IISER, JU, Presidency etc. 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 4589.00 as a travel grant to Gautam Anand (2nd 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. Last year he got Rs. Rs.36,589.00 for the same purpose from GAABESU.

3 students of IEST, Souvik Maity (2nd year/Aerospace), Bipasha Barman (2nd year/CE) and Debneel Bagchi (2nd year/MET) got Travel Grant (partly) from GAABESU on 13.08.2014 for Rs. 12,000.00 to participate in a National Level Business Plan competition at IIT Guwahati. We expect to consolidate our activities under this program based on the repeated requests received from students every year.



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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. All contributions are acknowledged and posted in our web site. Since the last AGM of October 2013, fund drives undertaken are as follows:

- 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. GAABESU raised more than 1.8 Lakh and handed over the amount to his father. He is well now.
- To help Monjurul Islam Ahmed Mondal, a 3rd year Civil Engineering student in this University suffering from meningitis and TB. He lost his ability (partially) to stand on his own legs and lost his voice also. After a successful operation in Peerless Hospital he got back his voice immediately. After a few days Monjurul was released from hospital and shifted to Baguihati to ease his physiotherapy for the next two months. All alumni throughout the globe come forward to help him for his medical treatment. GAABESU raised more than 4.8 Lakh and handed over the money to his brother as and when required. His treatment is going on even now.

Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in regular interval and this continued for the initial few years. However, due to lack of volunteers the publications had to be discontinued in the past. However, I am happy to inform you that we have once again started quarterly publication of GAABESU newsletter (ALUMNI LINK), which carries news of the institute community. This has been possible due to the diligent and professional approach of the newly formed Publicity Sub-Committee. This Sub-Committee also updates the web site and maintains a Social Networking (facebook) account with news and other institute related information regularly.

Membership Growth

GAABESU has current membership strength of 2584, out of which 1200 are life members and the others are annual members. Most of the annual members are derived from Institute caution money transferred to GAABESU membership fund from graduating students with their consent. However, IEST administration discontinued this practice from the current year. In fact, we are yet to receive the fund from the students of class of 2013.



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GAABESU operational expenses are solely met from the membership fund as funds received for other purposes are fully spent for the 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.

MOA Amendment

Following the mandate received during the 7th AGM for amendment of GAABESU Memorandum By-laws, a sub-committee was constituted with purpose under the Chairmanship of Amitabha Ghoshal with Prosenjit Chakraborty as the Convener. The sub-committee took up the exercise diligently and finally came up with a new draft of the amended MOA and Bylaws. This draft will be considered today for consideration of this house.

Gymnasium renovation Project

Century-old heritage Athletic Club Building, home of IEST's (formerly BESU) Gymnasium, was in poor condition for quite some time due to its age as well as for lack of proper maintenance. Located at the corner of Oval ground and old Principal's quarters, the Gymnasium is used by about 100 students on a regular basis. It was equipped with some very old and recently acquired obsolete-designed equipment. GAABESU got involved in up-gradation of this Gymnasium by forming a committee under the chairmanship of Asit Palit. 1953 batch entrants provided the initial funding. Later on batches of 1961, 1962, 1963, 1971, and 1988 also pitched in with substantial support. GAABESU also received individual donations for the project and a total fund of about 30 Lakh was raised for the purpose. The project was completed successfully with installation of modern equipment, repair of a few existing equipment, and provision of other ancillary facilities required for a modern gym. The students are happily using the upgraded facility. A full report of this project is available at GAABESU website.

Welcome ceremony to new alumni

A ceremony to welcome the class of 2014 as new alumni was held on May 6, 2014. On this occasion, three representatives of 1988 alumni were also present for presenting an Excellence Award to Saumiya Tazin, a student who won laurels for the institute for her excellence in photography.

Felicitations of a centurion professor

A group of alumni led by Amitabha Datta, '74CE, Working President and Syama Prasad Datta, '67CE, ex- President, GAABESU along with few other alumni met Prof. Kamada Kanta Majumdar at his Salt Lake residence on his 100th birthday, December 19, 2013 and felicitated him on this momentous occasion. Report of the occasion and the biography of Prof. Majumdar is available at our website.



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Alumni Day

GAABESU Executive Committee decided in a meeting, held on January 11th 2014, to establish a new tradition of celebrating annual "Alumni Day". The goal here is to reminisce our bygone days with friends and families and rekindle our camaraderie at our own campus. The celebration will comprise of day-long fun filled family events organized by the alums for the alums and their families. The date of the annual event was fixed to be on the last Sunday of each year so that alumni can plan their schedules well in advance. The first Alumni Day for the year 2014 is scheduled on December 28, 2014. GAABESU Executive Committee appointed Mr. Amitabha Datta, '74CE, Kolkata, Working President, GAABESU and Dr. Arya Sengupta, '66ME, Kolkata, Vice President, GAABESU as co Chairpersons of the first Alumni Day ad-hoc organizing committee. The committee held a few meetings and has started preparing for the event. The website and facebook page contains updated details of the event.

Looking Forward

With the conversion of our institute to the first IEST of the country we look forward to much brighter days of our institute in future and reaffirm our commitment to work together with other stake-holders to meet the long-term organizational goals. It is expected that funds for infrastructure development will not be a big constraint for the institute in future. Hence, GAABESU will like to refrain from taking up further infrastructure development project in the campus like we did in the past in numerous occasions. Henceforth, we should look forward to helping the students, faculty members, and other stakeholders in the campus in their quest for academic and intellectual excellence.

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 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 IEST 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 irrespective of their affiliations to 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 the institute.

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU,

(Pratik Dutta)
Honorary Secretary, GAABESU