



Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur

ANNUAL REPORT

September 26, 2020

Dear Members,

I, on behalf of the Executive Committee of GAABESU, place the Annual Report of the activities of GAABESU, the Global Alumni Association of IEST, Shibpur, for the period August 2019 to September 2020, before you at this virtual Annual General Meeting.

As you all are aware, we are going through an unprecedented global pandemic of COVID-19. The spread is not restricted to one or few localities or country, crores of people are affected all over the world, and millions lost their lives & livelihood. People worldwide are holding their breath for the emergence of one or more vaccines to tame the effect of the pandemic.

Under this 'New-Normal' living situations, remembering social distancing & health precautions, we are forced to arrange this Annual General Meeting over this electronic media. We regret that we are not being able to meet many of you in person and renew our brotherly relations, as was common for all BE Collegians. But this is the only way out now to meet the statutory requirements of holding Annual General Meetings.

At the outset, we note with heavy heart loss of some of our alumni and ex-faculty members over the past year. The List, as per our information we have, is given below. We might have missed out some names and request update from members.

Prof. Sankar Sen	1948	EE	Moloy Ganguly	1977	EE
Dr Jayanta Kumar Sen	Professor	EE	Smarajit Sarkar	1990	MET
Ila Majumder	1951	ME	Sukhomay Samajdar	1949	CE
Srikumar Ghosh	1955	CE	Provat Kumar Sinha Ray	Professor	ETC
Sakti Sarkar	1957	CE	Ajit Bhattacharya	1953	CE
Akhil Chandra Mandal	1959	MET	Deb Kumar chatterjee	1955	ME
Ranjit Chandra Saha	1959	EE	Tarak Nath Sinha	1958	CE
Asok Datta	1965	CE	Subrata Ray	1959	CE
Sourabh Jash	1967	EE	Animesh Sarkar	1965	ME

GAABESU, University Guest House, IEST, Shibpur, P.O. Botanic Garden, West Bengal, India, 711103

+91 (33) 2668 7436 / 4564

facebook.com/gaabesu

gaabesu@gmail.com

twitter.com/gaabesu

www.gaabesu.in

linkedin.com/groups/2529987

Registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. SO129880 of 2005-2006



Amit Laskar	1971	CE	Prabir Dey	1965	CE
Siddhartha Chowdhury	1977	CE	Subhash Mazumdar	1969	ME
Partha Mukherjee	1977	ETC	Asish Saha	1972	CE
Haridas Mandal	1977	ME	Anirban Paul	2014	CE
Amal Kumar Sinha	1959	CE	Bibhas Chakraborty	1969	CE

Executive Committee 7 (2019-21)

The present GAABESU Executive Committee for the period 2019-21 was elected last year in July 2019 for a two-year period. During the reporting year there were 10 (ten) meetings of the Executive Committee. As per tradition meetings were held with physical presence at GAABESU office and also online for participation of outstation members and permanent invitees. During lockdown and inconvenience of physical participation due to pandemic situation meetings were virtual only.

Annual Accounts and Audit Report

Due to pandemic situation and various restrictions imposed by the Government we had difficulty in completing accounts of the FY 2019-2020 and getting the same audited. Fortunately, with a very proactive approach of our Treasurer, President and other office bearers and our staff it has been possible to complete the accounts and get the same audited. Treasurer will place the audit report for your perusal and acceptance.

Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in regular interval and this continued for the initial few years. At present, GAABESU newsletter (ALUMNI LINK) is getting published once a year (and also on some special occasions), which carries news of the alumni/institute community. This has been possible due to the diligent and professional approach of the Publicity Sub-Committee.

Alumni Website

This year, on the occasion of "Rabindra-Jayanti 25she Baisakh", i.e., on 9th of May 2020, we have successfully launched our new website "**gaabesu.in**". The whole development work was carried out by our members, mainly Subrata Ghosh (84 ME) based in USA. Responsibilities of maintaining the website are being carried out by Saumitra Sinha (81 MET USA) Amitabha Das (2004 EE) from Singapore & GAABESU Office. The website is working fine and we had very good feedback from members. We are still working with the member database and linking the same with the website so as to have compatibility with automatic generation of new membership number.



Membership Growth

GAABESU has current membership strength of 1885. There has been addition of 52 new members during last year. Life membership fee of some of the alumni, who became member of GAABESU immediately after passing out by paying part of life membership fee by way of transfer of their caution money with the Institute, has fallen in arrears. They are requested to clear their dues and continue as life member.

Although most of our important communications are sent to all alumni through e-mail or through our website, we would appeal to all GAABESU members to request others who are yet to become member of GAABESU to join the Association as life member to participate collectively in fulfilling the objectives. Our first Global e-reunion on 15 August 2020 was attended by many non-members. We are happy for their interest and participation. We have requested them to become member of GAABESU.

We have observed that many of our members have not updated their addresses, contact nos. e-mail. We have taken drives to update the record in the membership register but we are yet to get response from many of our members. We would request all of you to help in getting our record updated through your contacts, if possible.

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

Among GAABESU's different activities, **Scholarship Programme** has been a real success story. Although it started in San Francisco, USA about 21 years back, it 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. **Alumni Fellowship for Excellence** has been awarded to the students on merit, sports and leadership. In the year 2012 **Research Fellowship Award** was included in the programme.

The parameter of scholarship is changing over a few years, because of changes in the fee structure of the Institute, as well as the IEST conversion in 2014. The Scholarship Committee has already taken up revision of the guidelines and a new



process document, both for Scholarships and AFE awards have got approved by EC in May 2020.

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:

Category	Nos	Amount (Rs.)
Research Award	8	1,44,000.00
Excellence Award	22	4,43,000.00
Scholarship & Book Grant	105	12,69,500.00
Paramesh Ranjan Dhar Debate Award	4	6,000.00
TOTAL	139	18,62,500.00

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

Travel Grant Programme

The program was intended solely for the present students of IEST, Shibpur. Partial assistance was provided to students for participation and presentation of selected papers in well recognised national/international Conferences/Seminars, participation in innovative design competition, presenting research papers and receiving awards (only if the work was done at IEST, Shibpur or the awardee was the principal investigator of the work), Assistance was provided also for participation in international students' summit etc, subject to certification by the concerned department head of IEST, Shibpur and acceptance by GAABESU.

Emergency Fund

GAABESU has been able to help quite a few Alumni by providing emergency assistance during their time of difficulties. All contributions were acknowledged and posted in our web site. Since the last AGM in July 2019, GAABESU could provide following emergency assistance:



- Rs.1.5 Lakh to Muralidhar Yadav (6th-semester student of metallurgy department) who was suffering from heart disease. Now he is stable and joined the classes.
- Samir Kar (1985, MT) was suffering from a degenerative disease of the liver for 3 years and over the last few months his disease has reached an advanced stage necessitating a liver transplant. GAABESU raised Rs. 1.11 lakhs for his cancer treatment. Unfortunately, he passed away recently. After his death the money handed over to his wife for reimbursement of his treatment.
- Biswarup Lahiri (1985 ETC) Rs. 1.02 Lakh for his cancer treatment. He detected with cancer at food duct. Now under radio and chemotherapy at TaTa Memorial Hospital, Kolkata. After that operation procedure will be started.
- Poulam Biswas, a first-year student is suffering from acute lymphoblastic Leukemia Rs.1.27 Lakhs raised for his treatment. The estimated cost of the treatment is around 15 Lakhs.

It was observed that only a few alumni come forward to donate responding to general appeal in specific cases and in some cases a needy person often feels shy of approaching GAABESU for donation. In many cases batch mates and friends come forward to help out in case of need. Reviewing the position and considering various suggestions it was decided by the Executive Committee to discontinue the Emergency Fund. GAABESU would post in website any appeal received from alumni to meet the exigencies in distress and how and where to send the assistance.

Alumni Day

The Alumni Day was conceptualized to be a family event of the alumni with social touch within the Campus on a specified date so as to rekindle the nostalgia of the bygone days with old friends and to make new acquaintances. Last Sunday of the year was chosen as the date so that our ex-Students across different continents and at pan-Indian locations could plan well in advance to attend. GAABESU organized the 6th Alumni Day at the Flag hosting ground at IEST Campus (opposite of the 1st lobby) on December 29th 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 started at 9:00 am with Registration followed by networking and "adda". 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. Smt. Anjana Ganguly



Roy welcomed the Director, IEST, Shibpur and Dean of International Relations & Alumni Affairs with floral bouquet. Prof. Pratik Dutta, Convener of 6th Alumni Day spoke about the day's program. Smt. Ganguly Roy gave the welcome address expressing 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 could pitch in for help. The inaugural session ended with the vote of thanks from the Secretary, Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh.

Immediately after the inaugural session Business Meet started at 11.30 am. Prof Arindam Biswas spoke about the Institute Alumni Cell Activities and institute's projects where alumni could 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. This session witnessed songs, recitations, nurturing of sweet memories of college days.

Lunch was followed by an Open mike event started during lunch, by students of LITSOC.

GAABESU encouraged students of different departments and student 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 alumni.

An edition of "Alumni Link 2019" was released to commemorate the occasion. A decent Jute bag with the Alumni Link souvenir was given to all registered alumni. As many as 40 agencies supported the event through the Advertisement and sponsorship.

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

Afternoon session started with old Bengali songs by Shri Subhasish Majumdar, followed by folk and baul songs of Smt. Sukanya Roy Sarkar. Program ended with a call to come back again on December 27th 2020.

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 20th February 2020 at 4.30 pm at the Civil Department at IEST Campus. Wife, Son and Daughter of Late Paramesh



R Dhar were present on that occasion. Other eminent personalities and friends of Late Dhar including Dr Arun K Deb, batchmate and close friend who initiated the yearly debate competition were also present on that day. The motion for the debate was, **"The House believes that women should enjoy equal status as men in India's Armed Forces "**.

There were 3 Judges in the debate competition.

1. Major General (Dr) S. Bhattacharya (Retd.) (Secretary and Director General, The Institution of Engineers (India))
2. Syama Prasad Datta (GAABESU)
3. Sneha Murmu (Asst. Prof. Civil Dept., IEST)

Other activities

Seminar with ADI Associates:

ADI Associates, a USA based Trust of our alumnus Dr Arup Bhattacharya (60 Met) and GAABESU and JIS Institute of Advance Studies and Research organized two days Seminar on "Innovation for Global Sustainability" on Friday and Saturday, 17th and January 18, 2020 at JIS premises and The Lalit Great Eastern Kolkata respectively.

GAABESU Project help: Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE), IEST, Shibpur

Society for Automotive Engineers (SAE) conducted a prestigious event for automotive design amongst various engineering colleges. The student chapter of SAE of IEST, Shibpur participated in the preliminary round of the competition with design of ATV (all-terrain vehicle). GAABESU contributed Rs. 1 Lakhs from its Research fund and through an appeal to alumni community arranged another Rs. 2 Lakhs from our alumnus Mr Siladitya Ganguly (1979 CE), CEO of Regal Services.

GAABESU Stands with Those Devastated by Amphan

Super cyclone Amphan had wreaked havoc in the southern part of Bengal, particularly the Sunderbans. GAABESU joined hands with MUKTI, a non-profit social organisation that worked relentlessly to help the devastated people of Sunderbans. In less than two weeks, many members came forward and GAABESU had raised an amount of **Rs.1.2 lacs**, which was duly handed over to MUKTI right away.

GAABESU Supports West Bengal Doctors Forum for COVID-19

GAABESU extended its humble support in raising funds during this COVID-19 pandemic period for the West Bengal Doctors Forum (WBDF), a non-profit



organization that procures and distributes PPEs, masks and face shields to the doctors and medical staff all across the state. GAABESU has helped raise an amount of **Rs. 1,15,751/-** for the WBDF.

Felicitation to Mihir Chatterjee:

GAABESU felicitated Shri Mihir Kumar Chatterjee, (1945 Civil), a retired Chief Engineer of PWD, Government of West Bengal, a life member and driving force of B E College Ex-Students' Club, a life member of GAABESU, on his stepping into 100th year of his life on 05 June 2020, in fairly good health, and with a strong memory and immense mental strength. Although many alumni were keen to be present on the occasion, considering Covid 19 pandemic situation it was decided that a small group representing GAABESU, B E College Ex-Students' Club and Past and Present Engineers of PWD, Government of West Bengal went together at his Salt Lake residence to felicitate him. The group comprised of Syama Prasad Datta (1967 CE), Jiban Kumar Chaudhuri (1968 EE), Saumitra Maiti (1983 CE), Parthasarathi Bose (1985 Arch), Dipankar Sarkar (1985 EE) and Amitabha Sengupta (CE PWD). Besides a citation and flower bouquet, books including a sketch book by Ajoy Kumar Debnath (1970 EE) on "B E College (IEST) – A visual journey of 151 sketches", one Dhuti and a packet of sweets were presented to him. Shri Chatterjee mentioned interesting anecdotes of his early life, recited flawlessly certain texts of Meghnathbadh Kabya. Photos of the felicitation was circulated widely. 100th year of Shri Chatterjee was covered in The Telegraph by a young journalist who happened to be daughter of an alumnus of 1975 batch.

First Global e-Reunion on 15th August 2020

Following the footsteps of B.E. College/IEST Alumni from North America, who organised an e-Reunion in early July, GAABESU organised their first e-Reunion on the auspicious day of 15th August 2020 at 8pm IST.

Many worked relentlessly behind the scene to make the event a success, both in content and in participation, especially given the fact that this was the first such endeavour by GAABESU. A total of 118 members attended this session. The program started with welcome address by GAABESU President, followed by introduction of Seniors (1951-59 pass outs) and newcomers (2010-2019 pass outs). Next came the Business Meet, which was addressed by our four very senior members. This was followed by a cultural program. GAABESU Secretary proposed vote of thanks and lastly the programme concluded with playing the Indian National Anthem "Jana Gana Mano".

On behalf of the entire team of **GAABESU**, we thank everyone for their participation, as panelists, performers and as guests, to make this event a memorable one,

Webinar - Journey to Top Universities of the World



GAABESU conducted a webinar on 19th September 2020 to share the journey and experience of few of our Alumni to some of the top universities of the world. This session was primarily aimed for students and young graduates of IEST. Altogether 60 participants including students and alumni attended this program.

Meeting with Students

GAABESU interacts with students through various programmes. There was a very useful discussion with members of Students' Senate.

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 must also acknowledge the help and co-operation extended by the Office Staff of GAABESU, whose active participation was important to run this organization smoothly. I appreciate all help extended by IEST authorities, faculty members and others in the administration. 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.

(Sitansu Sekhar Ghosh)

Secretary, GAABESU

(Anjana Ganguly Roy)

President, GAABESU
