



GLOBAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is my great pleasure in reporting the activities of Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University (GAABESU) before you, the members of the Association, at this Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is the first AGM of the elected Executive Committee (EC).

Formation of the Association

Although there were Alumni Associations for many years in different cities of India, their activities were primarily restricted to re-union and get-together to foster fellowship and camaraderie. Similarly with the emigration of Alumni to the western countries, they started to Alumni Associations for reunion and to reminisce about the college days. However, this started to change when they witnessed how their beloved Institute suffers due to lack of fund-flow for development of State-of-the-art laboratories and other infrastructures. Some of the Alumni also felt to move for achieving the status of an Institute of National Importance in order to maintain its excellence. During this time, 150th anniversary of the Institute was also coming up. At this time few Alumni from India and abroad got together and thought of forming a Global Alumni Association so that those two activities and other activities initiated by the Alumni from abroad to upgrade the infrastructure or to help the stakeholders of the Institute, can be co-ordinated. With those goals and objectives in mind GAABESU has been 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.

Annual Accounts and Audit Report

We are enclosing herewith the Accounts and Audit Report for the accounting year 2005-06 (from 10th June, 2005 to 31st March, 2006) and also Accounts and Audit Report for Accounting year 2006 -07 (from 1st April, 2006 to 31st March, 2007).

Executive Committee

From the period the Association was registered till the first elected EC took over on 28th March, 2007, GAABESU was run by an Ad hoc EC. Election for the 27-member EC was held according to the GAABESU rules and regulations, the result of which was declared on 28th February 2007. The elected members are:

- Arun Deb, 1957 CE, Membership No.L/06/CE/D0023, PA, USA
- Amitabha Ghoshal, 1957 CE, Membership No. L/05/CE/G001,Kolkata, India
- Debabrata Kar, 1958 CE, Membership No. L/06/CE/K005,Kolkata, India
- Achyut Ghosh, 1961 ME, Membership No. L/06/ME/G0024,Kolkata, India
- Samir Gupta, 1962 ME, Membership No. L/06/ME/G0029,Kolkata, India
- Monideep Chattopadhyay, 1963 ARCH, Membership No. L/06/ARCH/C0064,Kolkata, India
- Asit Kumar Palit, 1963 ME, Membership No. L/06/ME/P001,Kolkata, India
- Tarun Basu, 1967 CE, Membership No.L/06/CE/B0025, TX, USA
- Syama Prasad Datta, 1967 CE, Membership No. L/05/CE/G0012,Kolkata, India

- Shyamal Kumar Mitra, 1967 CE, Membership No. L/05/CE/M007, Kolkata, India
- Biswanath Datta, 1969 ME, Membership No.L/06/ME/D0039, BESU Campus, India
- Susobhan Ghosh, 1969 CE, Membership No.L/06/CE/G0019, TX, USA
- Amitabha Datta, 1974 CE, Membership No. L/06/CE/D0087, Kolkata, India
- Parimal Chandra Ghosh, 1974 CE, Membership No.L/06/CE/G0061, Kolkata, India
- Nil Ratan Bandyopahdyay, 1975 MET, Membership No.L/05/MET/B006, BESU Campus, India
- Gautam Bandyopadhyay, 1976 EE, Membership No.L/06/EE/B0048, BESU Campus, India
- Gautam Mandal, 1980 CE, Membership No.L/06/CE/M0039, UAE
- Bhaskar Dasgupta, 1981 EE, Membership No.L/06/EE/D0076, NJ, USA
- Biman Ghosh, 1981 MET, Membership No.L/06/MET/G0056, OH, USA
- Kabita Jha, 1981 ETC, Membership No. A/06/ETC/J001, Bangalore, India
- Subhasis Saha, 1981 ETC, Membership No.L/06/ETC/S0046, CA, USA
- Santanu Kumar Karmakar, 1983 ME, Membership No.L/05/ME/K001, BESU Campus, India
- Partha Protim Chatopadhyay, 1984 MET, Membership, No.L/05/MET/C001, BESU Campus, India
- Rajdeep Dutta, 1988 EE, Membership No.L/06/EE/D0032, Oman
- Amitava Roy, 1990 B.ARCH, Membership No.L/06/ARCH/R0003, BESU Campus, India
- Pratik Dutta, 1990 MIN, Membership No.L/06/MIN/D0049, BESU Campus, India
- Arindam Mukhopadhyay, 1990 ME, Membership No.L/06/ME/M0021, NJ, USA

According to the GAABESU rules, the newly elected EC members then elected 7 office bearers. They are:

- Mr. Asit Kumar Palit – President
- Mr. Syama Prasad Datta Working President
- Dr. Arun Deb – Vice President
- Dr. Santanu Kumar Karmakar – Honorary Secretary
- Dr. Partha Protim Chatopadhyay – Hon. Joint Secretary
- Mr. Rajdeep Dutta – Hon. Assistant Secretary
- Dr. Amitava Roy - Treasurer

Newly elected Executive Committee had taken over from Ad hoc Committee on 28th March, 2007.

Membership

We have enrolled Alumni of Bengal Engineering College/Bengal Engineering College(Deemed University)/ Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur as either Life or Annual Member as given below:-

a) Subscription

- **Indian Sub-Continent** – Life – Rs. 2,500.00 and Annual – Rs. 250.00.

- **Middle-Eastern Countries** – Life – Rs. 5000.00 and Annual – Rs. 500.00
- **Overseas** – Life – US \$ 300.00 and Annual – US \$ 30.00 per Annum

b) Strength

- **Total as on 31st March, 2007**

Life Members	– 437
Annual	- 76
Total	- 513

Members are located in various parts of India and in other countries as given below:-

	Life Member	Annual
West Bengal	- 162	22
Assam	- 00	01
Allahabad	- 01	00
Hyderabad	- 01	01
Delhi	- 111	02
Maharashtra	- 11	00
Bangalore	- 13	11
Chennai	- 03	00
Jamshedpur	- 00	02
Gujrat	- 01	03
USA	- 105	24
Canada	- 09	10
Oman	- 06	00
Kuwait	- 01	00
UAE	- 13	00

Activities

1. **Office** - In order to carry out GAABESU activities professionally, an office has been set up in the Alumni House in BESU campus with help of BESU authority. Office is staffed by two full time Office Assistants and equipped with computer, phone, high-speed Internet access and fax.
2. **EC Meeting** - EC Members meets regularly and Minutes of Meetings all are distributed to all members electronically and also it is posted in GAABESU web site.
3. **Bank Operation** – A Bank account with United Bank of India (UBI), BESU Campus, Shibpur. has been opened as required by GAABESU rules and regulations. All membership subscriptions in Rupee are deposited in this account and operated per our rules.
4. **Overseas Membership Subscription/Contribution** – As per rules of Government of India, remittance to Associations from overseas are regulated by Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976 (FCRA). GAABESU has been approved (vide letter no.II/21022/94(0030-02)/2006-FCRA - III dated 8th January, 2007 from Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi) to receive subscription in foreign currency for the first batch of alumni. Rs.12,20,794.00 equivalent to US \$ 27,660.00 has been deposited in a designated account with the United Bank of India, BESU Campus. Per FCRA rules, this fund can only be used in the development activity and has been kept in Fixed Deposit with UBI till the project is started. Another application has been sent for permission to get similar fund from abroad for a second batch of Alumni.
5. **Fund in fixed Deposit** – Membership Funds shown below have been kept in fixed deposit with UBI till date.
 - a) Local Fund – Rs.6,50,000.00
 - b) Foreign Fund in FCRA A/c – Rs.12,20,000.00
6. **Conversion of BESU** – This effort was started in 2003 by a group of Alumni. With the formation of GAABESU, this activity got a big boost and all Alumni have since been actively supporting this cause at all levels. It is heartening to note that this matter is progressing nicely.
7. **Scholarship** – Awarding scholarships to the needy but meritorious students of the Institute is probably our most successful activity. From 8 scholarships in 1998 (started by Swapan Saha, Subrata Ghosh and Sripati Bhattacharya in Northern California), GAABESU awarded over 50 scholarships and admission grants in 2006-2007 totaling about INR 4.5 lakhs to the needy students.

8. **Benevolent Activity** – GAABESU has been able to help few of our Alumni/Alumnae by providing emergency aid that was facing financial difficulties. We thankfully acknowledge the contributions of all Alumni to this fund. Total contribution is estimated to be INR 50 lakhs since 1998-99 (long before the formation of GAABESU). The names of the recipients are listed in our website. A plan as to the scope of emergency aid, how to raise and disburse fund has been developed and is being circulated for comments. Once the comments are addressed, EC will approve it and the plan will be posted to our website.
9. **Development of Brochure** – As stated earlier there was no central body in the past to plan and execute development activities supported by Alumni for our Alma Mater. In spite of that from time to time a few Alumni took it upon themselves to collect funds for upgrading laboratories/ infrastructure. To name a few are LAN Project, VLSI Laboratory, Seminar Room, etc. A brochure has been prepared during this reporting period showing these development activities along with fund spent and details of donors. Total fund collected and spent for all these activities is about 2 Crores. An electronic copy of the brochure is posted in our website. We thankfully acknowledge efforts of few GAABESU volunteers (Debargha Sengupta, Swapan Saha, Manoj Bhattacharya and Tarun Basu) who prepared this Brochure since Chancellor of our Alma Mater and Hon'ble Governor of West-Bengal Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi wanted to know contribution of Alumni for Development of BESU.
10. **Program** – Various Programs of Seminars are arranged by the Alumni or renowned professors. Few alumni (primarily Ashish Basu) donated fund to meet the expenses for these seminars. During this period, several Alumni have delivered seminars and these seminars have been well appreciated and attended by faculties and students. We appreciate effort of many alumni and BESU Faculty who had taken the lead role in arranging these seminars on behalf of GAABESU. A list of seminar speakers is shown in our web site. GAABESU chapters located at various places have been lending support to visiting Alumni and/or Faculty whenever they need same during out station or overseas visit.
11. **Publicity** – Communication amongst all stakeholders are key to success for any organization. GAABESU had taken following initiative: -
 - **Web site** - In keeping with time GAABESU has taken control of the Web site ... <http://www.becollege.org> (created by Subrata Ghosh and Swapan Saha, later assisted by Pranesh Biswas, Chitta Hati and Apurba Tribedi about 10 years back). This web site is continuously updated with all news and information. I must record with sincerity that today whatever growth GAABESU achieved is mainly due to awareness among Alumni we have been able create through this web site.
 - **Mass Mailing** – We have created a database of nearly 5000 of our Alumni spread all over the World. Whenever we have any important announcement to make same is broad caste through mass mailing by e-mail to this database. I am sure most of the alumni accessing their e-mail are getting updated information by this most cost effective solution. I would request all of you to provide contact information of fellow alumni/alumnae who do not get any mails.
 - **Yahoo Group** – We have created various groups mailing through Yahoo Group. With this we are informing all specific groups any particular relevant information as required.

Activities from April 1, 2007 to Date

The newly elected EC took responsibility to run GAABESU at the end of last financial year on 28th March, 2007. It will be more than six months since then that we are meeting for our first AGM:-

- **Upgradation** – We are pleased to note that the initiative taken by all including GAABESU for upgradation of our alma mater as an Institute of National Importance (INI) is progressing quite satisfactorily. The Central and West-Bengal Government have agreed to the terms and conditions to hand over our Institute to the CG. It is expected that the CG will place a bill in the winter session of the parliament in this regard. Once the bill is passed, our Institute will be known as Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (INI). It is now matter of time

that efforts by many Alumni along with BESU authority and other well-wishers will be fruitful and our dream to revive its glory will be a reality.

- **Major Initiative by EC** - Since taking over, newly elected EC has taken a few major initiatives to achieve GAABESU objectives. A brief description of the activities are given below:

a) **Broader representation in the EC** – In order to give proper representation of geographical locations EC has nominated “Permanent Invitees” (PIs) to the EC. PIs will not only be active members but also will allow GAABESU to reach all locations around the globe.

b) **Tele-Conference of EC Meeting** – As a number of EC members and PIs are located in various parts of the world, we have started all our EC Meeting via teleconferencing. Tele-conference process is made known to all EC Members and with meeting notice announced well in advance, all EC members are able to join and participate actively in the EC meetings.

c) **GAABESU – Plans and Program** – This has been adopted by the EC during 3rd meeting held on 26th May, 2007. In order to fulfill our objectives following Sub-Committees has been formed:-

- Membership – Achieve systematic growth in all locations.
- Development –Steer major and minor Development Projects for BESU.
- Corpus Fund – Raise Fund required for all Development Projects.
- Scholarship Fund – Raise and administer Scholarship Program.
- Benevolent Fund – Raise and administer all benevolent activity.
- Program – Organize all Programs in BESU as required and also render support to other chapters/locations.
- Publicity – Improve awareness and understanding amongst all stakeholders.
- Finance and Administration – Smooth functioning both these area.
- Mentorship – Help/Guide BESU students as required and possible (This has been added later on)

d. **Functioning of Sub-Committees** – All these Sub-committees has been headed by Chairman, Co-Chairman, Convener, Members etc. These Sub-Committees are broad based with inclusion of members from all locations as far as possible as required. Some of these Sub-Committees are made with members who have been carrying same function earlier like Scholarship, Benevolent Fund etc. But other Sub-Committees are new and have just started functioning.

e. **Scholarship** –This Sub- Committee awarded 5 admission grants of total INR 45,000.00 to financially assist needy students, who qualified for admission to BESU through WBJEE ranking, but were not in a position to secure admission due to financial constraints. This Sub-Committee has finalized the list for the year 2007-08 and expect to award scholarships to all 67 selected students. To achieve this goal, Mr. Rajdeep Dutta and Dr. Swapan Saha had started another campaign few days back for donations from alumni. We are happy to report that they have been successful in getting pledges for 10 more scholarships. Although, few more pledges are required to achieve this goal, they are hopeful to award scholarships to all those candidates.

f. **Publicity** – Mr. Samir Gupta, Chairman of this Sub-Committee arranged a Press Conference at Kolkata Press Club on 7th June, 2007 - "Global Alumni unite for immediate upgradation of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur to Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), an Institute of National Importance (INI)". This press conference was a huge success in terms of number of media representatives covering this event and the number of news articles published in the print and online media.

GAABESU has been publicizing Institute’s cause be it for the conversion to INI or for the help to the needy students through scholarship or upgrading facilities at BESU for a long time. A few of our alumni through their personal contacts with the print media got a number of favorable news articles published in Calcutta & India Abroad (weekly published in New York). On behalf of the Publicity Sub-committee, Tarun Basu, Swapan Saha and Debargha Sengupta have taken upon themselves to publish the newsletter and last

one was published on 1st August, 2007. It has been circulated by e-mail and posted in our web site. Mr. Amitava Ghoshal has kindly agreed to sponsor the printing of the hard copy of the last newsletter for mailing it to the members. It will be sent to those Alumni who do not have e-mail.

g. Membership – This Sub-Committee has taken active steps for Membership growth. Dr. Swapan Saha and Prof. Anjan Kumar Ghosh have been trying to enroll new graduates for almost a year through their connection. We are happy to note that his efforts are paying off and more than 80 new alumni/alumnae have accepted to become members. We are hoping that we will be able to enroll 200 such members. Now our Membership strength as on 18th September, 2007 is as follows:-

Life Member	– 513
Annual Member	– 52
Total	- 565

Membership Expired on March 31st March 2007 (Status changed on 1st September 2007) – 29

Present Active Members (18th September 2007): 536

h) Finance and Administration- We found many anomalies and discrepancy in our “Memorandum of Association and Regulations” when we started operation after registration. This Committee has made amendment as required for proper functioning of GAABESU and it is put up for approval in AGM. We have submitted to Govt. of India FCRA year-end Report as per rule.

Recognition – Many of our alumni around the globe have achieved many personal Milestones. We are all proud of them. We also recognize the leaderships of many of our alumni who have played vital roles in achieving many commendable milestones for their organizations during last year. GAABESU recognizes and salutes them. We convey our best wishes to those alumni and their team for such achievement and expect them to continue such work. These are not only their personal accomplishments but also recognition of our Alma Mater that has nurtured them. I have stated a few names in the report. However some names might have been missed to report inadvertently and do apologise in advance for any such mistakes, if any.

Appreciation- I on behalf of EC fully appreciate selfless works put up by Ad-hoc EC and many other Alumni all over the World without which GAABESU could never be at this stage. I shall also fail in my duty if I do not mention help and co-operation extended by all our members located throughout the world without whose help and active participation are essential for GAABESU to function. I appreciate all help extended by BESU authorities, Faculty and others in administration without whose help it would not have been possible to move GAABESU forward. I appreciate the enthusiasm and contributions of our two office assistant who have worked many hours to keep GAABESU functioned. At the end I thank all Alumni/ Alumnae irrespective of their affiliations with GAABESU for their help and guidance. I am grateful to all EC and PI members for sharing my load and help making GAABES the best Alumni Association in India.

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU,



(Santanu Kumar Karmakar)
Hony. Secretary, GAABESU