

Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members,

July 27, 2019

It is my pleasure to place the Annual Report of the activities of Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (GAABESU), for the period September 2018 to July 2019, 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 Amal Bhusan Ghosh Dastidar (1960 MIN), Amit Baneriea (1952 CE), Arun Prasad Lala (1948 CE), Birendra Nath Neogy(1951CE), Dhruves Chandra Chakravarti (1967 ME), Karuna Chatterjee(1965 ME), Mahima Ranjan Santra (1962 CE), Nipendra Chandra Sinha(1950 CE), Nirmal Maitra(1952 CE), Pabitra Purakayastha (1953 ME), Parimal Banerjee(1957 CE), Pijush Kanti Som(1950 CE), Prabir Kumar Bhattacharya(1967 CE), Pradip C, Mukhopadhyay(1973 ME), Pranab Sengupta(1979 ME), Ramprasad Mukhopadhyay (1967 ARCH), Rasbehari Ghatak (1962 EE), Rory Fonseca (1957 ARCH), S K Datta (1954 CE), Saktidas Banerjee (1955 CE), Saktipada Mukhopadhyay (1959 CE), Salil Kumar Sen (1951 CE), Sanjay Deb (1965 CE), Santanu Sen (1981 EE), Shubhendu Kumar (1969 CE), Siba Prasad Mukherjee(1958CE), Subhendu Nath(1954 EE), Subir Kumar Dey Sarkar (1956 CE), Sushanta Sarkar (1966 CE), Tapan Kumar Mitra(1968 CE), Tapash Chatterjee(1956 CE), Yatin Ghosh (1959 ARCH), Ajoy Kumar Biswas (1962 CE), Sudipta Chandra Ray (1966 EE), Kanishka Bishi (1961 CE), Barun deb Mukherjee (1963 CE), Ansar Ali Seikh (1978 EE), Pradyot Kumar Datta (1953 CE), Ashutosh Mukherjee (1961 CE), Subrata Kumar Sen (1957 CE), Diptendu Pal (1962 CE), Ramendra Nath Kar (1968 CE), Prabir Banerjee (1977 MET), Arunachal Dutta (1977 CE), Sudhir Kumar Srimany (ex-Professor, B.E. College Chemistry Department).

Membership Growth

GAABESU has current membership strength of 3194, out of which 1825 are life members and the others are annual members.

GAABESU Strategic Planning

A Write-Up on GAABESU Strategic Planning was prepared by a Subcommittee which was presented to EC and was approved. We have started working on the strategic goals. Some of the goals require IIEST's partnership and we are working on that.

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Annual Accounts and Audit Report

The Receipts and Payments Account and Audit Report for the financial year 2018-19 has been circulated to all members and will be presented by the Treasurer.

Publicity

The objective was to publish newsletters in regular interval and this continued for a 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 work and professional approach of the Publicity Sub-Committee.

Activities of the Association:

GAABESU Scholarship Programme 2018-19

Scholarship programme has been ongoing since 1998 with contributions mainly from alumni globally and some batches.

The number of scholarships varies yearly depending on the funds available and the number of qualifying applicants. A Scholarship Sub Committee has been formed by GAABESU Executive Committee, where representatives from all participating Alumni Chapters in India and abroad co-ordinate with IIEST faculty & administration. A scholarship management procedure has also been developed by GAABESU to bring about a documented, fair and a transparent selection process.

With the need cum merit basis scholarship this year GAABESU awarded 28 Scholarships to the meritorious students based upon IIEST last examination Merit List.

A concise list is given below:

•	55 Memorial scholarships @12000/-	= Rs.6,60,000/-
•	7 Individual Sponsored Scholarships	= Rs.84,000/-
•	26 Group sponsored Scholarships @12,000	= Rs.3,12,000/-
•	16 Half Scholarships @6000/-	= Rs.96,000/-
٠	9 book grants @2000/- & 3000/-	= Rs.21,000/-

Total Scholarship amount is Rs.11,73,000/-

GAABESU Alumni Fellowship for Excellence Programme 2018-19

GAABESU has launched "Alumni Fellowship for Excellence" from 2008-09 to award students for outstanding performances in academics, sports, leadership qualities, performing arts, etc.

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GAABESU awarded 22 "**Alumni Fellowship for Excellence**" this year **alumni awards** from total corpus fund of approx. Rs. 38 Lakh.

Name of the Excellence are given below:

- 1. Prof. Naresh Chandra Bose Award for Excellence in Civil Engineering
- 2. 150 Years Commemorative BECAA-Maharashtra Award for Best Sport Person
- 3. 150 Years Commemorative BECAA-Maharashtra Award for Excellence No. 1
- 4. 150 Years Commemorative BECAA-Maharashtra Award for Excellence No. 2
- 5. Class of 1990 Award: "Excellence in Leadership"
- 6. Professor Sankar Sebak Baral Memorial Fellowship
- 7. Sougata Mukherjee Memorial Awards for Excellence 1
- 8. Sougata Mukherjee Memorial Awards for Excellence 2
- 9. 1988 Batch Silver Jubilee Award for Excellence
- 10. Arijit Guha Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Engagement & Social Welfare
- 11. Arijit Guha Memorial Award for Excellence in Metallurgy & Materials Engineering
- 12. Surita Ghosh Memorial Fellowship in Extra-curricular Activities
- 13. Soumya Bhattacharyya Memorial Award for Excellence in Electrical Engineering
- 14. Soumya Bhattacharyya Memorial Award for Excellence in Singing
- 15. Award of Excellence in Fluid Mechanics
- 16. Somenath Ghosh Memorial Award for All-Round Excellence
- 17. Suhas Choudry Memorial Award for Excellence in Swimming (Male Champion)
- 18. Suhas Choudry Memorial Award for Excellence in Swimming (Female Champion)
- 19. Smt. Uma Rani Neogi Award for Academic Excellence
- 20. Tapan Kumar Basu Excellence Award
- 21. Rabindranath Dutta Memorial Special Excellence Award for Painting
- 22. Satya Narayan Mukhopadhyay Memorial Special Award for Excellence

Total amount of 22 Alumni Fellowship for Excellence Awards is = Rs.4,31,500/-.

GAABESU RESEARCH AWARD

GAABESU is very happy to award "GAABESU Research Award" this academic year 2018-19 under its Scholarship Programme to promote research among UG & PG students from 2011-12. This award will be given to the research work which can be presented / published to the national and international professional events and/or publications.

The Fellowship award names are given below:

- 1. Late Madhusudan Bhattacharya Memorial Research Award
- 2. 1965 Mechanical Batch Research Award
- 3. Ashok Kumar Sarkar Memorial UG Research Award I
- 4. Gouri and Jitendra Mazumder Memorial Research Award
- 5. Sailendra Kumar Sen and Indira Sen Memorial research award



- 6. Ashok Kumar Sarkar Memorial UG Research Award II
- 7. Ashok Kumar Sarkar Memorial UG Research Award III
- 8. Nripendra Prasanna Acharya Research Award

The selection of the research work for nomination to the awards have done by a committee specially constituted for this purpose, by GAABESU representing active alumni engaged in teaching and research.

Total amount of 8 UG & PG Research Awards is Rs.1,44,000/-

Paramesh Ranjan Dhar Memorial Debate Competition

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

This year GAABESU organized the Debate Competition among the present students of IIEST on 16th April 2019 at 5.30 pm at the M N Dastur Seminar Hall at IIEST Campus. Wife, Son and Daughter of Late Paramesh Ranjan Dhar was present on that occasion. Other eminent personalities and friends of Mr. Dhar were also present on that day. Shri Syama Prasad Datta, Prof. Arabinda Roy and Prof. Satyaki Bhattacharjee were the Judges of the Debate. The motion for the debate was, **"The house believes that democracy is the best form of government".** Excellent speeches delivered by 11 participants for and against of this motion. The winners of the Debate were as follows:

1st Prize: Adrish Bhattacharya and Kanav Mehra
2nd Prize: Manish Banerjee and Satyam Raj
3rd Prize: Namit Bhasin and Mohd. Danish Kaleem

Total amount of 3 Debate Competition Awards is Rs.7,500/-

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR SCHOLARSHIP, EXCELLENCE AWARD, RESEARCH AWARD AND DEBATE COMPETITION IS Rs.17,56,000/-

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 IIEST, 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 IIEST, Shibpur or the awardee is the principal investigator of the work), international students' summit etc, subject to certification by IIEST respective Head of the department and acceptance by GAABESU. During the last year, no major grant appeal was sanctioned on merit. Some applications were last minute attempts and some were incomplete or never followed up.

Emergency Fund



The Emergency Fund Sub-Committee maintains a small 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 September 2018, fund drives undertaken are as follows:

- Fund of Rs. 380049.10 raised to help Shri Ramananda Chatterjee (1963/ME). He had a severe cerebral attack when traveling to Switzerland as a tourist. The fund drive was closed on 31st July 2018. Total fund handed over to him and he is cured now.
- GAABESU Emergency Fund Raising Committee has decided to initiate a Global Fundraising drive to support Ms. Asmita Shukla, 3rd Year Student, E&TC, IIEST, Shibpur for her Father's treatment. He was diagnosed with ESRD, (end stage renal disease) in April, 2017 and she needed lots of financial support. So GAABESU requested all to donate directly to her Father's account. Many alumni donated directly to her fathers account and some alumni sent their donation to GAABESU A/C. GAABESU sent raised fund of Rs.21,000/- to her father's account directly. But Mr. Shukla has left us for his heavenly abode on 11th October 2018.
- Ongoing case: Muralidhar Yadav (6th-semester student of Metallurgy Department) has been suffering from heart disease for the last 2 months. He was hospitalised in RTIICS, Kolkata on 16th May 2019. A total of 50000 rupees already been spent for the treatment which is being managed by his school friends, relatives and home. His father is daily labour and it is very difficult for him to manage the fund for the treatment. He wants to go to NICS, Bomasantra, Bangalore for better treatment. He appealed to GAABESU for financial support.

GAABESU Emergency Fund Raising Committee decided to help him from the interest of the Emergency Fund fixed deposit. An initial amount will be handed over to him for his treatment in Bangalore.

<u>Alumni Day</u>

Alumni Day was conceptualized in 2014 to be a family event with social touch at 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 4 years GAABESU organized the 5th Alumni Day-2018 at the Netaji Bhavan area and opposite of First lobby on December 30th 2018. The day-long programme witnessed a satisfying participation from Alumni across different batches. The total 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 11.00 am the event was inaugurated by the Chairman of Bengal Chamber of Commerce Shri Indrajit Sen and other GAABESU Office bearers. Shri Amitabha Datta (1974 CE) the Chairman of Alumni Day Committee added grace with his welcome address. There was Business Meet attended by eminent personalities from Industry and Institution including past presidents of GAABESU. Dr. Arun Deb (1957CE, Dean of Alumni Affairs and External Relations, IIEST Prof Santanu Kumar Karmakar (1983ME), President of GAABESU Shri Achyut Ghosh (1961ME), Vice President of GAABESU

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Smt. Anjana Ganguli Roy (1977 ETC), Working President Prof. Pratik Dutta (1990 MIN), Secretary Shri Somnath Sinha Ray (1987ARCH). In the Business meet 3 Books written by Shri Indranil Sen (1980 ARCH) were inaugurated by Shri Amitabha Ghoshal (1957 CE). The programme was conducted by Prof. Indranath Sinha (1982, MIN). 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 lunch. Many alumni enjoyed the Campus tour with their family members.

Besides the gala lunch, afternoon session started with a performance of a renowned Baul singer Dr. Sanghamitra Das. After her magnificent songs the programme switched over to Institute Hall. Present students of the University performed a wonderful programme with dance, song and instruments. Present Alumni and their families enjoyed their performance a lot.

With the sunset on the day filled with Fun, Fraternity, and Food, all promised to come back again on 6th Alumni Day.

Next Alumni Day 2019 will be held on 29th December (last Sunday of the year) in the IIEST campus. All Members are requested to participate in the event.

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 IIEST 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

With warm regards to all the members of GAABESU.

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(Somnath Sinha Ray) Secretary, GAABESU