



# ALUMNI NEWS

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## STUDENTS' ASSISTANCE & AWARD SUB-COMMITTEE (2010-2011)

Students who stood first in the 2nd & 3rd year final exams were presented with gold plated silver medals at a function held on October 2, 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium. Dr Pradip Kr Ghosh, Registrar, Jadavpur University who presided as the Chief Guest gave away the prizes and certificates to the awardees.

Thirty medals were distributed to second year students of all the departments of the University. These were funded from an endowment fund established in 2008 by Sri Rasendu Putatunda ('58 ME) in memory of his parents Sri Indu Bhusan Putatunda and Smt Shanti Sudha Putatunda.

Seventeen third year toppers of the Engineering and Technology department and one fourth year topper of Architecture received their prizes funded by the endowment fund instituted by Sri Gautam Mitra ('62 EE) in memory of his mother Smt Meera Rani Mitra.

In his address to the students, Dr Pradip Kr Ghosh stressed on the need not only to be academically brilliant but also to be responsible and disciplined members of society.

## GOPAL CHANDRA SEN CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE

Dr Shantanu Chakrabarti ('72M) of Tata Steel delivered the Gopal Chandra Sen Centenary Commemorative Lecture on 11th October 2010 at 5.30 pm at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium. The lecture was well attended by about 100 members and inaugurated by Prof Siddhartha Datta, Acting Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University.

The lecture topic was on "Excellence in Technical Education". Dr Chakrabarti, with his experiences in teaching, research and industry brought out the salient points and the role of all stakeholders in education – particularly students, teachers, administrators and the industry.

As told by him, students have to make well thought career choices and must be curious. Teachers must be well networked and serious about teaching and inculcating good values to students. Industry's contribution to syllabus framing must be there. According to him – the 'publish or perish' motto was pushing good teaching abilities to backseat for most teachers. It has to be balanced. He dwelt at length upon quality of good teachers and how to increase the employability of students. The role of industries in Technical Education was also emphasised.

The lecture, brilliantly delivered, was well accepted by the audience.

## BIJOYA SAMMILANI

Bijoya Sammilani was celebrated on 30th October 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium starting at 6 pm. This year the programme was different from the usual. After the welcome address by Sri Jatish Chandra Chakrabarti, President Alumni Association, a documentary film on Late Debabrata Biswas, the great exponent of Rabindra Sangeet, was screened (courtesy Film Division, Government of West Bengal).

Short deliberations by Prof Sanjay Mazumdar of Department of Film Studies Jadavpur University and Sri Kanu Saha, Acting President George Biswas Academy, on various aspects on the life of Debabrata Biswas were very informative and enjoyable.

The programme was appreciated by a large audience of alumni, their family and friends.

## NEWS FROM JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

1. A Public Lecture on 'Pharmacovigilance of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Current Issues and Prospects' was organized by Dept. of Pharm.Tech on 2nd August 2010 at the Seminar Hall, Dept. of Pharm.Tech. Dr Pradip Paul, Managing Director and CEO, CDS Safety, New Jersey, USA & Chairman, Natural Health Products-SIAC Drug Information Association, Philadelphia, USA delivered the lecture.
2. Tenth Dr K P Basu Memorial Lecture on "What Killed the Dinosaurs" was organized by JU held on 2nd August 2010 at Dr K P Basu Memorial Hall, JU. Dr Sankar Chatterjee, Paul Whitefield Horn Professor in Geosciences and Curator of Palaeontology delivered this lecture. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of JU presided over the programme.
3. Foundation stone Laying Ceremony for a new Guest House at Salt Lake Campus of JU was held on 3rd August 2010. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of the University laid the stone.
4. A two-day Cultural Discussion on Rabindranath Tagore was organised by Dept of Sanskrit, on 6th & 7th August, 2010 at Vivekananda Hall, JU to mark the Rabindra Post Centenary Golden Jubilee.
5. A lecture on 'Reversing the Gaze: The Question of fathers and Fatherhood in Colonial Bengal' was organized by School of Women's Studies on 9th August 2010 at Prof Anita Banerjee Memorial Hall, JU. Ms Swapna M Banerjee, Associate Professor and Graduate Deputy, Dept of History, Brooklyn College of CUNY, Brooklyn, NY delivered the lecture.
6. A Lecture on 'From University Research to Economic and Social Benefit' was organised by Jadavpur University on 12th August at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium, JU. Prof Sir William Wakeham, International Secretary of the Royal Academy of Engg and former Vice-Chancellor, University of Southampton, UK delivered the lecture. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU presided over the function.
7. Inaugural Programme of UGC-ASC Refresher Course in Sanskrit Aesthetics: Eastern & Western' was organized by Dept of History on 12th August, 2010 at Jadavpur University, Salt Lake Campus. Prof S Datta Pro-Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme. Prof Radhavallabh Tripathi, an eminent Orientalist and the Vice-Chancellor of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi delivered the keynote address. The inaugural session was presided over by Prof Karunasindhu Das, the distinguished academician and the Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University.
8. The inauguration ceremony of Picture Exhibition on 'China Today' was organized by Dept of International Relations on 23rd August 2010 at Bidyarthi Bhawan, IT Hall. Hon'ble Consul General of People's Republic of China inaugurated the programme.
9. A two-day Cultural Discussion was organized by Dept of Bengali on 26th & 27th August 2010 at Vivekananda Hall, JU to mark the Rabindra Post Centenary Golden Jubilee. Sree Kumar Sahani inaugurated the programme. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU presided over the programme.
10. A one day workshop on 'History of Technology & Technical Education in India: A synthesis' was organized by INSA sponsored Project Titled 'History of Technical Education in India', JU on 27th August 2010 at Dr K P Basu Memorial Hall, JU. Sri G S Rautela, Director General, National Council of Science Museums inaugurated the programme. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU delivered the keynote address.
11. A Panel Discussion on 'Aesthetics in Arts & Science' and a Cultural Programme on Rabindranath was organized by Sir C V Raman Centre for Physics and Music on 30th August, 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium, JU to mark the Rabindra Post Centenary Golden Jubilee. Scientist Prof Ashok Nath Basu, former Vice-Chancellor, JU was the Chief Guest. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU presided over the function and other dignitaries were present there.
12. A Panel Discussion on 'Women's Writing and the Political History of Modern Bengal' on the occasion of the publication of Sarmistha Dutta Gupta's 'Identities in Histories Women's Writing and Politics in Bengal' was organised by School of Women's Studies on 8th September, 2010 at Vivekananda Hall, JU. Prof Jasodhara Bagchi chaired the session.
13. DST Sponsored 5-day National Workshop on 'Application of Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry in Clinical Research' was organised by Bioequivalence Study Centre, Dept. of Pharm.Tech, during 20th - 24th September 2010 at Vivekananda Hall, JU.
14. "A Blood Donation Camp" and "Eye Test and Eye Donation Camp after death" were organized by Staff Recreation Club on 22nd September, 2010 at the Salt Lake Campus, JU.
15. The Science Camp entitled "Wonderful World of Science" jointly organized by DST-Inspire Internship Science Camp and Jadavpur University on 5th October 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium, JU. Prof P

N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU delivered the inaugural address. About 250 students from different schools attended the workshop.

16. Tenth National Inter-University Youth Parliament Competition 2010 was organized by Jadavpur University under the aegis of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt of India held on 8th October 2010 at Dr. Triguna Sen Auditorium, JU. Prof P N Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor, JU inaugurated the Competition.
17. 'Amita Roychaudhuri Smarak' lecture was organized by Jadavpur University on 29th October, 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium, JU. Prof S Dutta, Pro Vice-Chancellor, JU delivered the inaugural address.

### Monthly Report of affiliated colleges under JU

J D Birla Institute organized a Seminar on 'The Implication of Vastu & Fengshui in Interiors' held on 3rd September 2010 at the auditorium of the J.D. Birla Institute.

### DONATIONS

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following donations in October, 2010:

<u>SN</u>	<u>Name of the Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1.	Smt Barnali Kar	₹ 500	Cultural Fund
2.	Sri Prabir Choudhury	₹ 500	Cultural Fund
3.	Sri Rabin Chatterjee '61 EE	₹ 5,000	Prof G C Sen Birth Centenary

### NEW MEMBERS

The Association welcomes the following new members, who joined in October 2010:

1. Dr Sanjay Kumar Gorai '94 M.Sc (Physics)
2. Smt Ratna Bhattacharyya '81 MA (Eco)
3. Sri Bipradas Naskar '84 EE
4. Sri Mriganka Majumdar '93 EE
5. Sri Subroto Choudhary '70 Geo
6. Sri Nimai Chandra Mondal '83 Math
7. Sri Arunabha Mandal '01 ETCE
8. Smt Mina Sen Gupta '58 IR
9. Sri Jayanta Datta '89 ME

### PROGRAMMES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION BENGAL

The programmes to be held on Sundays in November 2010 at 5.00 pm in the Indumati Sabhagriha of the National Council of Education, Bengal, 188 Raja Subodh Chandra Mullick Road, P.O. Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700032, are given below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
21.11.10	Sri Aurobinda Smarak Lecture: <i>Geeta: Sri Aurobinda Manane</i>	Prof Buddhadeb Chakraborti
28.11.10	Deepti Gupta Smarak programme: <i>Surbahar Badan</i>	Sri Subhash Chanda

Members of the Alumni Association are cordially invited to attend.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Annual Drama:

The Annual Drama, "Indur Kol", directed by Sri Jatin Rudra, will be staged on 27th November, 2010, Saturday, at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium at 6.00 pm.

#### Guest Rooms:

The Guest Rooms of Alumni Association have been thoroughly refurbished. The repainted rooms with new linens have got fresh & new look. There have been slight changes in the charges as given below:

Description	Alumni, JU, NCE, IChE	Rooms	Others
Double Bedded Room, A/C	₹ 550 / Room / Day	5	₹ 750 / Room / Day
Double Bedded Room, Non-A/C	₹ 300 / Room / Day	1	₹ 500 / Room / Day
Three Bedded Room, A/C	₹ 600 / Room/ Day	1	₹ 900 / Room / Day
Three Bedded Room, Non-A/C	₹ 450 / Room / Day	1	₹ 600 / Room / Day
Seminar Room 101, Non-A/C	₹ 350: upto 4 hrs; ₹ 500: beyond 4 hrs and up to 8 hrs	<b>₹ 75/- additional charge per hour or part thereof</b>	
Seminar Room 202, A/C	₹ 400: 4 hours within the period; ₹ 700: above 4 hrs & upto 8 hrs	<b><i>Between 9 am &amp; 9 pm</i></b> <b>₹ 100 additional charge per hour or part thereof</b>	

#### Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Memorial National Seminar:

In Commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy a seminar on ***Chemical & Pharmaceutical Industries in India – Present Scenario and Future Prospects*** will be held on 21st & 22nd January, 2010 at Dr Triguna Sen Auditorium, Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata – 700 032.

The seminar is being organized by Alumni Association NCE Bengal & JU and Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers – Calcutta Regional Center in Collaboration with Jadavpur & Calcutta University.

The seminar has been planned to explore several key issues, like present status, growth opportunities, role of research, market trends, global scenario and interaction with academia.

The new emerging technologies like Bio-chemistry & Nano-technology will also be subjects of deliberations.

*Season's Greetings*

**Sipra Patra**

*Convener, Publication Sub-committee*