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## THE AFTER SHOCKS

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) is a methodology adopted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, to rank all institutions of higher education in India. The Framework was approved by the MHRD and launched by Minister of Human Resource Development on 29 September 2015. The ranked lists were released by MHRD on 4 April 2016 which was a huge dampener for IEST Shibpur as it managed a very low rank. Though there was an official complain which was filed with the MHRD, this was a huge shock for the college which was building its way back to glory.

But all was not bleak as quite a few students got admission offers from Ivy League Colleges in US thus reiterating the fact that IEST Shibpur has arrived.

The Annual Convocation was held on 4th March, 2016 where the Chief Guest was Mr. Atul Sobti, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. Degrees were awarded to 449 UG students of 10 Programmes, 410 PG students and 57 Ph.D. scholars.

IEST Shibpur once again reiterated its commitment to Solar Power as a number of projects are underway in the college premises.

The GAABESU Group Medical Policy was launched with a lot of fanfare and has received a huge acceptance among the alumni. This was a long pending ask and hopefully this will ease out some of the expenses in an ever increasing medical expenses economy.

GAABESU along with the Ex-Students of IEST Shibpur in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur organized a workshop on Road Safety which was a huge success. It is India's worst kept secret - we have the world's most unsafe roads and the situation seems to be getting worse by the year. Over 400 people were killed in road accidents every day in 2015, government data reveals.

This edition also has a story on Dr. Sankar Sen (alumnus IEST Shibpur) who is an Ex Power Minister and ex-Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University. There are plans to celebrate his 91st birthday at BEC Ex Students club in December 2016.

We hope you will enjoy reading this edition !!!

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## SOLAR POWER IS THE NEW HUB AT IEST SHIBPUR

Solar power has now found a new 'hub' at the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur. IEST is conducting experiments to develop indigenous, cheaper and more energy-efficient solar cells. The project, funded by the department of science and technology, has already received Rs 12 crore for the DST-Solar Hub project.

One of the major difference between the available solar modules and the ones being built by IEST is that of volts. "The IEST solar modules are of 48 volts while those of usual make generates 24 volts. The new solar modules will also reduce the cost incurred by the user from Rs 35-40 to below Rs 30 per watt," said Hiranmoy Saha, principle investigator of the project.

DST secretary Ashutosh Sharma will inaugurate the facilities by the end of this month for research on solar cell. "They have sanctioned projects to enhance the efficiency of solar cells through experiments at the hub," said IEST director Ajay Roy.

The DST-Solar Hub project at IEST will also enable the other regional national institutes to reap benefit from the project.

"Experiments through the project is aimed to change the way in which renewable energy is being used in the country," said a senior IEST authority.



## IEST STUDENTS SHINE AT ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NASA

Department of Architecture Town and Regional Planning, IEST Shibpur took part in the Annual Convention 2016 of NASA (National Association of Students of Architecture) where top 100 Architecture colleges across India took part in it.

The students have secured the first position (citation 1) in UCP Trophy (Unknown Craft's Person Trophy - Documentation of a Tribal Wall Craft of Shantiniketan , Birbhum) where entries from all over India were submitted.

The whole work was organised and executed under Students Society of Architecture and town planning (SSAT), IEST Shibpur.



## ANNUAL CONVOCATION AT IEST SHIBPUR

The second Annual convocation of IEST, Shibpur was held on 4th March 2016 at the Institute Premises. The convocation address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Mr. Atul Sobti, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, former Chairman and Advisor, ISRO and Chairperson, Board of Governors, IEST, Shibpur presided over the convocation. The institute has conferred Sri Mrinal Sen, D.Lit (Honoris Causa) in absentia. It conferred Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty, D.Lit (Honoris casua). The institute conferred D.Sc. on Prof. Suhash Chandra Durra Roy, INSA Honorary Scientist and Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, National Research Professor, University of Hyderabad. It conferred Distinguished Alumnus award to four distinguished alumni, Prof. Tathagata Roy, Dr. Dhrubojyoti Ghosh, Prof. Sriman Kumar Bhattacharya and Prof. Ajit Chakrabarty. Distinguished Teacher award was conferred on Prof. Subrata Sengupta, Prof. Sujit Kumar Roy and Prof. Susanta Kumar Sarkar. Degrees were awarded to 449 UG students from 10 Disciplines, 410 PG students and 57 Ph.D. scholars. The President of India Gold Medal was awarded to Amrita RoyChoudhury, of the Department of Computer Science and Technology who secured the 1st position among all ten undergraduate departments.

The institute has witnessed an excellent growth in the number of sponsored research projects. A large number of research and consultancy projects have been initiated in different departments, namely 10 projects of Aerospace and Applied Mechanics department, funded by DST, UGC, DAE, Institute of Engineers, DST (WB), AICTE and industry. Thirty-five projects have been undertaken by the Civil Engineering department which are being funded by UNICEF, CSIR, DST, DAE, Ministry of Shipping, Earth Science, CFC (Netherland), Water for People (USA), PWD of WB, Haldia Development Authority, Bardhaman Development Authority, and different industries. The projects of Computer Science and Technology department are sponsored by ITRA Media Labs, Asia and DEITY and Howrah Municipal Corporation. Twelve projects of Electrical Engineering Dept. are sponsored by DE, DIT, DAE of Govt. of India, CCRH, UGC, DST, WBREDA, WB Govt., and private industries. The projects of Electronics Dept. are funded by DST, INSA, ISRO, DST, CSIR and AICTE. Mechanical Engineering Dept. has its projects with BRNS, DAE. Metallurgy Department has collaboration with TISCO and Indo Belgian top up grant with DST-BELSPRO, OFB, Ministry of Coal. The Chemistry

Department has numerous projects with DST, MNRE,UGC,CSIR, DST (WB), CSIR, DBT, SERB-DST, and AvH Foundation. The Centre of Excellence for Green Energy and sensor Systems has projects with DST GoI and NKDA (WB). The School of Ecology, Environment and Human Settlement Management has projects of DST, National Museum of Denmark, SHH (WB). The projects of School of Mechatronics and Robotics was sponsored by SERB-DST, DAE. The Institute has organised several workshops, seminars and conferences on National and International levels. The Faculty members of the institute visited different eminent International institutes and Universities on invitation. It is an honour for us to have hosted a large number of distinguished academicians and industrialists since the last convocation. It is really heartening to note that our students and scholars have performed extremely well in both academic and extracurricular activities. Some of them visited, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, presented papers in ICOT, Kyoto, International conference on Photonics, Valencia, Spain. One student visited University of Central Florida, USA as BASE Intern. One ETC Dept. student visited Grenoble INP, France, after winning a prestigious scholarship while another student got DAAD fellowship. The students and scholars have initiated IEEE students Branch in IEST.



## IEST STUDENTS ENTER TOP TIER SCHOOLS

**Prerana Jana** of 2015 batch has been selected for graduate program in Cornell University and has also got an offer from Carnegie Mellon University. **Anubhab Majumder** of the same batch has been offered admission in Johns Hopkins University. To add to their achievements, **Amrita Roy Choudhury**, the President of India Gold Medal awardee (topper among all engineering departments) from IEST Shibpur this year from the Computer Science and Technology Department (2015) was admitted to the Ph.D. program in University of Wisconsin. **Shiladitya Sen** of the same department and batch has been selected for Masters program at Johns Hopkins University and also has an admission offer from University of California, Irvine.

**Anandamoy Chatterjee**, a final undergraduate student in Electronics and Telecommunication at IEST has got admitted to the Cornell University, an Ivy League School in the Masters Program at Electrical and Computer Engineering for the Fall 2016.



## IEST STUDENT MAKES IT TO THE GOOGLE SUMMER OF CODE 2016

**Ronit Halder**, a final year undergraduate student in Information Technology Department made us proud. His project "Implementation of "Tinykdump", an improved tool to replace kdump", has been accepted for Google Summer of Code 2016, under the mentorship of the organization Fedora project. He didn't have a computer till 3rd semester (hadn't used one either) and today he has 2 patches in the linux kernel.



## GAABESU SCHOLARSHIP

GAABESU Scholarship Distribution Ceremony was successfully held on 8th April 2016 at the Alumni Seminar Hall at IEST, Shibpur. A Total of 143 students received Research Award, Alumni Fellowship Excellence Award and Scholarship.

Winners of Research Award for 2015-16

1. Tamalee Basu, 3rd year, Arch, Sailendra Kumar Sen and Indira Sen Memorial Research Award
2. Ranjan Kumar, 3rd year IT, Madhusudan Bhattacharya Memorial Research Award
3. Gandrima Bhattacharya, 3rd year, IT, Ashok Kumar Sarkar Undergraduate Research Award
4. Debashis Kar, Aerospace, PG, Ashok Kumar Sarkar Postgraduate I Research Award
5. Atanu Santra, CE, PG, Ashok Kumar Sarkar Postgraduate II Research Award
6. Arpan Sen, 4th Year, CST, Gouri and Jitendra Mohan Mazumder Undergraduate Research Award
7. Aritra Chatterjee, 4th Year, ME 1965 ME Research Award





## BEUNION TO BE HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT COLUMBUS, OH

Our own Bengal Engineering College is turning 160 years young this year. To celebrate this milestone, we are having an alumni reunion – BEUnion on Sunday, September 4th, 2016 at Columbus, OH.

All alumni are invited for a day of fun, pride, and camaraderie. Let your inner BEing soar.

Our institution has gone through several name changes – from Bishop’s College to Bengal Engineering College, to Indian Institute of Science and Technology. But as an institute of higher education it never stopped its pursuit of excellence. Today its alumni are spread across the globe; and, their pride for and their bond with the Institution have remained strong.



## THE GLORY OF IEST CONTINUES

We are immensely pleased to know from the French Embassy that **Sri Saptarashmi Bandyopadhyay**, our second year student of Computer Science and Technology Department, has been awarded the prestigious Charpak Research Internship provided

by the French government. Saptarashmi is one of the youngest to receive this prestigious Internship award from India.



## IEST PROFESSOR CRACKS THE NANO CODE

Prof. **Sabyasachi Sarkar** and his students at IEST Shibpur have for the first time demonstrated that the small-sized water soluble fluorescent carbon ‘nano onions’ (wsCNO) can cross through the blood brain barrier in mice. The discovery brings with it immense hope to thousands of patients suffering from diseases like Alzheimer, Parkinson or even brain tumour. We all hope that the initial grand success of Prof. Sarkar and his team will lead to the discovery of carbon nano onions for the delivery of drugs to the human brain.



## IEST ALUMNUS SPARKLES IN THE FILM WORLD

After being awarded and nominated in various film festivals all over india...**Tomar o Amar Majhe**, a full film by **Saptarshi Sarkar (2010-2014)** is now available.





## LOVERS' LANE TO LOVING MEMORIES AT 'SHIBPUR CALLING ALUMNI DAY'

A father was teased that his son would be told about all the women he used to chase. A former frontbencher was ribbed by his backbencher batchmates. A couple remembered their days of romance on campus.... The second alumni day organised by GAABESU (Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering and Science University) at the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (formerly Besu), Shibpur, was all this and much more.

Around 650 alumni gathered for the reunion titled Shibpur Calling Alumni Day, partnered by The Telegraph, which included a debate on alumni-institute interface, a business meet, performances by ex-students, lunch and a cultural programme. The eldest at the reunion was Himanshu Kumar Banerjee of the 1948 batch, who said he still remembers and cherishes “every memory of my college days”.

Partha Pratim Roy, the secretary of GAABESU, felt the reunion was a “great success”. “Amidst all the fun, various important issues have also been addressed in the debate and the business meet. This would not have been possible without the help and participation of all the ex-students, even those who have not been able to make it today. Next year we plan to make it even bigger,” said the ex-student of the 1997 batch.



It was a very special day for Suman Deb Roy, currently a resident of Qatar, as he showed his seven-year-old daughter Varshika the campus where he spent “the best days of my life”. “It’s like revisiting my past. Now that I am a parent, I am amused remembering how we used to bunk classes so often that the teacher would give us Rs 100 for snacks when we had 100 per cent attendance!” laughed the self-confessed “backbencher” of the 1991 batch.



Friends and ‘well-known pranksters’ of the 1981 batch (L-R) Agnimitra Bhattacharya, Dipankar Nag and Tamal Bhattacharya recalled their good ol’ days of bunking classes, breaking window panes, calling friends by their fathers’ names, hostel parties and, ahem, pursuing girls.

Source: The Telegraph



## IIEST EXPRESSED SHOCK AT NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK (NIRF) RATINGS

Days after the human resource development (HRD) ministry released the first National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), questions are being raised over the methodology used for data validation and higher ranks secured by some institutes.

The ministry is now planning to set up a panel to look into all these issues, with the primary focus on data authenticity and validation for rankings, reliable sources told ET. While some institutes and experts are questioning the authenticity of the rankings, the Indian Institute of Engineering, Science & Technology (IIEST) has officially taken up the issue with Smriti Irani-led ministry. It has expressed “shock” at being ranked 83 and pointed out “glitches” in research-related data validation. Still others questioned how not a single NIT was among the top 10 engineering rankings, with even the newest of IITs like Ropar and Patna scoring higher than the well-known NITs at Surathkal, Trichy and Warangal. Private institutes have pointed out that government-run institutions have bagged all top slots.



Ranjan Prasad (batch of 1969) took the stage with daughter Priyadarshika Das and sang a few of his compositions, including *Besu amader college*, making everyone nostalgic.



GAABESU founding member and former president Arun Deb felt it was a “coming back to the roots”. “I have studied and taught here as well. So many memories. But the best ones can hardly be shared with anyone!” grinned the student from the 1957 batch.



## Now, Rankings Mandatory, Not Voluntary?

HRD MINISTRY is considering making rankings mandatory instead of voluntary as was the case this time

IT IS BEING argued that institutes should compulsorily participate in the ranking and treat it as an annual assessment of the information provided to the public



IEST HAS been the most vocal critic of the rankings. In a clarification posted on its website, it has indicated that it has been unfairly ranked on research parameters

The ministry had released the first Indian Rankings 2016 on April 4 – a ranking of 3,600 institutes across six categories

The panel is likely to look at ways to ensure NIRF 2017 is more robust. Higher education secretary is likely to head the committee. "There is a proposal to set up a committee following the 2016 rankings. Many institutes have written to us with differing views and opinions and we will see what can be useful for the next rankings.

Data validation was a big challenge for general colleges and we hope to address this," said Surendra Prasad, National Board of Accreditation chairman and member of the core committee on NIRF. An IEST clarification said: "It has been found that on research and publication parameter IEST Shibpur scored abysmally low, which is, in no way, a reflection of the actual scenario.

Out of 100, IEST scored only 22.20 compared to 80.30 by NIT Trichy and 74.72 by Vellore Institute of Technology." I understand coordination and data issues have led to this, but it has demoralised faculty and students. I have taken it up with the ministry; they have been very supportive. It appears NIC failed to enter the name of our institute properly and so we ended up scoring zero on publications, though we have record publications to our credit", IEST Director A. K. Ray told Economic Times.



## BE COLLEGE REUNION TO BE HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY DURING NABC 2016

BE College Reunion will be held during NABC 2016 at Hotel Affinia, New York on July 2, 2016, Saturday between 10:30 AM EST thru 12.00 Noon EST.

All of our alumni along with their families are cordially invited to attend the reunion. Light refreshment will be served.



## DR. SANKAR SEN, OUR TEACHER

**Biplab Mukhopadhyay,'67 EE**

Prof. Sankar Sen was born on 1st December, 1926 at Kolkata. His father was Pramod Chandra Sen, Professor of Physics at Bangabasi College, Kolkata. His mother Manorama Sen was a housewife.

Prof Sen got admission into primary school at Tirthapati Institution, Kolkata and studied there till matriculation in 1942. Prof Sen, in his childhood was taught at home by his father. In



matriculation, he got 1st division with distinction and star marks in Mathematics & Additional Mathematics. After matriculation, the admission for next Intermediate studies was delayed because of India's 1942 freedom movements. Prof Sen was influenced by the Quit India movement and took part in demonstrations on the streets of Kolkata. He was arrested by the British police on charges of riots. He was sent first to Dum Dum Cantonment jail & then to Alipur Central jail, and remained in custody for 61 days during the months of September and October, 1942. He was given the bail but he refused. Finally being juvenile, he was released unconditionally after 61 days. Soon after release, Prof. Sen was influenced by

Gandhiji's Secretary Prof. Amiya Chakraborty who was his father's friend and a regular visitor to their house. Prof Sen moved to Sabarmati Ashram for two months, from December 1942 to January 1943, where he got the teachings from Gandhiji. Gandhiji addressed the group of students that India would soon become a free nation; and then country would need brilliant students to develop the future. So he stressed that all students must study seriously.

During those turmoil days of 1942, all the schools were closed. So Prof Sen never faced challenges of academic delays. On his return from Sabarmati, he joined Intermediate in Science at Bangabasi College, and completed the I.Sc. in 1944, again with distinction; and star marks (known as "Letters") in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics & Biology. Though he had good marks in Biology, he enrolled his name with Bengal Engineering College, for the undergraduate course in Electrical Engineering in 1944. (Actually his elder brother could not get admission in engineering because on the day of admission, his brother's bus was jammed in traffic. That's the reason Prof Sen decided to opt for engineering due to family interest).



Prof Sen studied with merit cum means scholarship for 4 years. In graduation also, he earned distinction, in 1948 with the Kolkata University Gold Medal for the 1st rank. He earned Sir Asuthosh Mukerjee medal for his 1st rank and Hemanta Kumar Nag Gold ring Silver medal in 1946. He also received stipend for buying books for professional developments.

In 1949, he was the first in independent India to receive Govt. of India Research scholarship in engineering and joined B. E. College in 1950 with stipends. He was also offered opportunities for teaching. In 1952 he became the first student of London Imperial College to enrol for Doctorate program in Electrical Engineering. He was offered Govt. of India's full scholarship.

With the honour of first Doctorate of Electrical Engineering of Imperial College, he returned to BE College in 1955. A post for Reader of Post Graduate Studies was created for him by the Principal AC Roy. Prof. S.R. Sengupta, the then Head of IIT Kharagpur also offered him a teaching position at IIT but Prof Sen decided to join B. E. College. In 1965 he became the Head of Electrical Engineering Department, finally he moved to Jadavpur University as the Vice Chancellor in 1986, and continued till 1991.

During teaching, he was the Research Guide (Ph.D.) for 13 students, and published 25 papers. In 1958, he guided Promothesh Mukhopadhyay who become the 1st Doctorate from B. E. College in Electrical Engineering. Promothesh Mukhopadhyay later became the Pro-vice Chancellor of Roorkee University.

During his tenure in B. E. College in teaching, he made few reforms. In 1958, he was instrumental to introduce 30 marks for class tests. In 1973 he became the President of B. E. College Teachers' Association. In 1973, after persuasions of years, B. E. College had its first computer TDC 316 and the new department of Computer Science was formed. In 1979, he was the first to introduce rotational system for HODs and offered the same to Prof. J. K. Sen to head the Electrical Engineering Department. His vision was that HODs should have administrative experience also.

In 1997, he received the Eminent Alumni Fellowship from London Imperial College. He also received Hon D.Sc. from Kalyani University, North Bengal University, Sambalpur University and Burdwan University.

Prof. Sen was also the Honorary Advisor to the Chief Minister & the State Planning Commission of Sikkim. He was also an Advisor for Energy to the Chief Minister of Assam.

Prof. Sen was a student and a teacher throughout his life at B. E. College, and then joins Jadavpur University as the Vice Chancellor. He says "I played for whole life with Mohon Bagan, and then became a coach for East Bengal Club". At the end of our talks, he narrates two incidents. He remembers the day around late '70s, when TD (please allow me to use abbreviation only) was smoking inside computer centre, and Prof. Sen immediately removed him from there. "Sir" says, probably he could have explained TD instead of asking him to get out. Second incident (he can not remember the student's name) is a greeting card from Venezuela, his ex-student writes "Sir, its



now raining in Venezuela. I remember, on a rainy day, you escorted me with your umbrella from college to Downing Hostel, and then you returned to your quarter at Bishops' College". "Sir" says, he often remembers these two incidents of TD and the greetings card from Venezuela.



## B. E. COLLEGE EX STUDENTS AND GAABESU ORGANISE WORKSHOP ON ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT



GAABESU and B. E. College Ex-Students' Club, Bidhannagar in association with IIT, Kharagpur and IEST, Shibpur organized a Workshop on Road Safety Management. More than 100 delegates from government and private sectors, academic institutions, individual experts and other stake holders participated in the deliberations which was a huge success.



## ঘরে ফেরার গল্প

Yubanaswa Chakraborty, 2000 CE

সকাল ৭ টায় ঘুম ভেঙ্গে দেখি আমাদের ট্রেন একটা বেশ বড় সড় স্টেশনে থেমে আছে। সুযোগ বুঝে রক্ত চলাচল করার জন্যে প্ল্যাটফর্মে নেমে পড়লাম। দেখি প্রায় সকল যাত্রীই আমার মতই পায়চারি করছে। সদ্য ঘুম ভাঙ্গা উদ্দেশ্য হারা এক পাল ভেড়ার মত এদিক ওদিক ঘুরে বেড়াচ্ছে। পথ চলতে চলতে অনেকের সাথে বন্ধুত্ব হয়ে গেছে – তাদের মধ্যে জনা চারেক সৈনিক। শুনলাম তারা রুশ মিলিটারির কমান্ডো। কারো বয়স ২০-২২এর বেশি নয়। আগের দিন আলাপ হয়েছে, হয়েছে নাম আদান প্রদান আর মোবাইলে ছবি

তোলা। সেই সুবাদে সকাল সকাল এক মুখ হাসি পেলাম। আমিও পালটা হাসলাম। বেশ কয়েকদিন হল রাম-গড়ুর এর মত রয়েছে, বেশি হাসছি না। হাসি পেলেও না। তার কারণ, রুশ দেশে ফ্যাক ফ্যাক করে হাসা বেপার টার প্রতি একটু কটাক্ষ করা হয়। অচেনা অজানা মানুষের দিকে তাকিয়ে দাঁত বের করা এখানে অভদ্রতা। আগে আলাপ পরিচয় হবে, তারপর যদি বন্ধুত্ব হয় বা ভ্রাতৃত্ব জাগে, তবেই হাসা চলবে। ঠিক এই সময়, রুশ মিলিটারি কমান্ডোর হাসি মাথা মুখের পেছন থেকে উদয় হলেন এক বৃদ্ধ। মাথা ভরা উষ্ণ খুস্ক পাকা চুল। আমার দিকে দ্রুত ভরে তাকিয়ে, মুখের সামনে আঙ্গুল তুলে বললেন – হিন্দি? (ভাষা নয়, দেশের কথা জানতে চাইছিলেন।) - আমিও দ্রুত ভরে তাকিয়ে বললাম – দা (অর্থাৎ হ্যাঁ)। ভদ্রলোক হো হো করে হেসে উঠলেন – হিন্দি! খারাপো!! (খুব ভাল)। এর পরেই আমার কাঁধ চাপড়ে দিয়ে উর্দু উচ্চারণে বললেন – মজবুত! মজবুত! বলে আস্তে আস্তে হাঁটতে হাঁটতে নিজের কামড়ার দিকে হাঁটা দিলেন। পরিষ্কার বুঝলাম উনি ঘুম ভেঙ্গে উঠে জলের বদলে ভোদকা খেয়েছেন। আমার



কম্যান্ডো বন্ধুও তার পেছনে হাঁটা দিল।



স্টেশনটা ছিল নোভোসিবিরস্ক – সাইবেরিয়ার সব চেয়ে জনবহুল শহর। যদিও সাত সকালে কেউ চোখে পরছিল না। অল্প সময়ের মধ্যেই ইঞ্জিন কু দিল। সবাই উঠে পরেছে কিনা সেটা দেখে নিয়ে গার্ড মশাই ছুইসেল দিলেন। ফাঁকা প্ল্যাটফর্ম ফেলে রেখে আমাদের ট্রেন এগিয়ে চলল। দুপাশে দিগন্ত জোড়া পাইনের জঙ্গল। মাঝে মাঝে ছোট ছোট গ্রাম – তাতে গুটি কয়েক কাঠের কুঁড়ে ঘর, গাড়ি - কিছু পুরোন, কিছু নতুন। মেঠো রাস্তায়ে ট্রাক, ট্রাক্টরের ভিড়। গ্রামের মাঝে একটা করে মোবাইলের টাওয়ার। আর গ্রামের লাগোয়া ছোট একটা করে স্টেশন।



সেসব স্টেশনে আমাদের থামা হয়নি যদিও। এই সব দেখতে দেখতে চলছিলাম, আবার বেশ কয়েকবার দেখা হল সকালের ভদ্রলোকের সাথে। আন্তে আন্তে

জনলাম উনি এক অবসরপ্রাপ্ত জেনারেল। ৭০ এর দশকে ভারতীয় সেনাবাহিনীর সাথে যৌথ অভিযানে পাঞ্জাব এসেছিলেন। ডাইনিং কারে এসব গল্প বলার পরে ক্যামেরা বের করে আমাদের ছবি তুললেন জেনারেল সাহেব, তারপর আবার ‘মজবুত! মজবুত!’ বলে চলে গেলেন টলতে টলতে।

বেখাপ্পা গল্পের শুরু বেখাপ্পাই হয়। কিন্তু এবার একটু গুছিয়ে বলার চেষ্টা করি। লন্ডনে আই-টি কুলি গিরি করা এক বাঙ্গালী - দিনের পর দিন রাতের পর রাত সাইবেরিয়ার মাঝে ট্রেনে চেপে সস্ত্রীক কোথায় চলেছে সেটা প্রায় কারো বোধগম্য হচ্ছিল না। যারা এই লেখা পড়ছেন তাঁদেরও এখনও হয় নি বলেই ধারণা।



ত ৮ বছর ধরে প্ল্যান করে রাখা আছে। প্রতি বছর লন্ডন হিথরো থেকে প্লেনে চেপে ইকনমি ক্লাসে ওয়াইন খেয়ে একটা করে দীর্ঘশ্বাস ছাড়ি আর ঘুমিয়ে পড়ি। এবারও হল না। ১৪-১৫ ঘন্টায় এসে পৌঁছে যাই নেতাজি সুভাষ বিমান আড্ডা। প্ল্যানটা আর কিছুই না – একটু ঘুর পথে ট্রেনে বাসে ঘরে ফেরা। যেমনটি বিকলেজে পড়ার সময় করতাম।

তবে লন্ডন থেকে হাওড়া মিনি তে নয়। ১০ টা দেশ পেরিয়ে, ১৭ হাজার কিলোমিটার ঠেঙ্গিয়ে, ন বার ট্রেন বদলিয়ে, গাড়ি বাস চেপে, গরম লাগুক আর না লাগুক – তিব্বত হয়ে, তবে দেশে ফেরার পথ।



লন্ডন থেকে ওয়ার্সো হয়ে মস্কো। সেখান থেকে ভ্লাদিভোস্টক গামী ট্রেনে চেপে বৈকাল হ্রদের ধারের শহর - ইরকুস্টক। তারপর চেঙ্গিসের মঙ্গোলিয়া। সেখান থেকে গোবি মরুভূমি পেরিয়ে (উট বা ঘোড়া নয়, ট্রেনে চেপে) চীনের প্রাচীর এর পাশ কাটিয়ে বেজিং। তারপর (ডাইমন্ড হারবার হয়ে) তিব্বত। আর সেখান থেকে হিমালয় পেরিয়ে নেপাল। তারপর একদিন গাড়ি চেপে সন্ধ্যা বেলা মেচি নদীর ব্রিজ পেরিয়ে পৌঁছে গেলাম ভারতে। তখন অন্ধকার নেমে গেছিল। বাস বা ট্যাক্সি আর একটাও ছিলনা। এর মাঝে ভারতীয় কাস্টমসের একটা বড় সাইন বোর্ড - WELCOME TO INDIA - দেখেই আমার বৌ গদগদ হয়ে ছবি তুলতে গেল।

কড়া গলায় মানা করে দিলেন এক অফিসার - ইধার ফটো লেনা আলাউড নেহি হয়!

আগেই স্ক্রিপ্ট ঠিক করা ছিল কাস্টমস অফিসার কে কি বলা হবে।

-- কিধার সে আয়া?

-- কাঠমান্ডু সে

-- ঘুমনে গায়া থা?

-- হাঁ সার।

-- ব্যাগ খোলিয়ে।

একটু খুলতেই ব্যাগের ভেতর জামা কাপড় দেখে অফিসার বললেন - ঠিক হৈ, ঠিক হৈ। যাইয়ে।

কোথা থেকে আসছি শুনলে সব ব্যাগ খুলে খুলে ১ ঘন্টা লাগত।

“এখন ইমোশনাল হয়ে যেও না, আগে ব্যাগ গুলো দেখ” - বউ কে ব্যাগের জিন্মা দিয়ে আমি শিলিগুড়ি যাবার বেবস্থা করতে গেলাম। শেষমেশ যা দাঁড়াল তা হল - ৭-সিটের বিক্রম ভাড়া নিয়ে ভট-ভট করে অন্ধকার রাস্তায় চা বাগানের মাঝ দিয়ে শিলিগুড়ির দিকে এগালাম আমরা।



স্কোর রেড স্কোয়ার, চীনের তিয়েনান্মেন স্কোয়ার, উলান-উদের দৈত্বাকার লেনিনের মাথা, উলান বাটোরে চেঙ্গিস খানের অতিকায় মূর্তি, হাতের সামনে মাউন্ট এভারেস্ট - এসব স্মৃতি খুব টাটকা তখনও। অন্ধকারের দিকে আঙ্গুল বাড়িয়ে বললাম - এটা কোন জায়গা জান?

বউ ব্যাঙ্গালরের মেয়ে, সে মাথা নাড়ল - না।

বললাম - ওই যে গুটি কয়েক আলো জ্বলছে - ওই হল নকশালবাড়ি। এখানেই নকশাল আন্দোলন শুরু হয়।

বউ শুধু মাথা নাড়ল। ৩২ দিনের পথ চলার ক্লান্তি, দেশের মাটিতে পৌঁছানোর উত্তেজনা, আর পেটে ছুঁচো দের ডন বৈঠক - এই সব মিলিয়ে মুখ দিয়ে শব্দ বেরোল না বোধহয়। নকশাল আন্দোলনের রেশ এখন ওদিকে আর নেই। রাস্তার দুপাশে মাটি পাথর ফেলা হচ্ছে। রাতের অন্ধকারেও বড় বড় আলো জ্বলে মাটি



ফেলার ট্রাক চলছে সারি বেঁধে | জোড় কদমে তৈরি হচ্ছে এশিয়ান হাইওয়ে –

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এ পথ যাবে কদুর? যাবে – আসাম দিয়ে বর্মা হয়ে থাইল্যান্ড। আবার সময় পেলেই এই রাস্তায়ে পাড়ি দেব – এই কথা ভাবতে ভাবতেই পৌঁছে গেলাম আমাদের বুক করা হোটেলে। আন্দাজ মত ১৭ হাজার কিলোমিটারের কিছু বেশি রাস্তা পার হলাম। বর্তমান কর্মস্থান লন্ডন থেকে ফিরে এলাম - ঠিক যেখানে জন্মেছিলাম।

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এই গল্প বেশ লম্বা, তাই আপাতত শুধু ভূমিকা টুকু থাকল। সঙ্গে দিলাম কিছু ছবি আর তথ্য। এরপর কর্মব্যস্ত জীবনের ফাঁকে সময় খুঁজে এক এক করে লিখতে হবে গল্প গুলো – আর কয়েক কিস্তি তে সেগুলো দেওয়া যাবে।

যাত্রা শুরু – লন্ডন।

যাত্রা শেষ – শিলিগুড়ি।

দেশ দেখা - ইংল্যান্ড, বেলজিয়াম, জার্মানি, পোল্যান্ড, বেলারুশ, রাশিয়া, মঙ্গোলিয়া, চীন, তিব্বত, নেপাল, ভারত।

সময় – ৩২ দিন।

দূরত্ব – ১৭০০০+ কিমি

ট্রেন ভ্রমণ – ২০২ ঘন্টা ৪৭ মিনিট

বাস ও গাড়ি তে – ৫ দিন (৪০-৫০ ঘন্টা)

দীর্ঘতম ট্রেন যাত্রা – ৮৭ ঘন্টা

নিম্নতম উচ্চতা – সি-লেভেল - ১০০ মিটার, উচ্চতম স্থান – ৫৪০০ মি.



## UPCOMING SEMINAR

**SEMINAR ON**  
**ADVANCES IN WELDING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**AND RELATED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**  
on 29th July, 2016

Organized by  
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## KUDOS DEBABRATA ROY ('64 CE)

Sripati Bhattacharyya, 1963 EE

Alumnus Debabrata Roy of Bengal Engineering College, (Civil 1964) has authored a book on Structural Engineering titled 'Computation of Nonlinear Structure' (published by Wiley). It is a comprehensive treatise on extremely large elements for frames, plates and shells. An excerpt of the synopsis of this 990 page book is quoted below.

This gigantic work will serve as a reference for researchers and practitioners in industry and also for graduate and senior undergraduate students in Civil, Mechanical, Aerospace engineering as well as in Applied Mathematics.

We find Dr. Roy's work extremely inspiring for all of us. For last seven/eight years he has been paralyzed after an accident and since then he was completely bound in a wheel chair. In the beginning he even lost dexterity of his fingers. He started working on this book before this accident but did not give up because of his disability. After a while when he was able to move his fingers and use a computer, he started working again towards completion of this book without any help.

We are overwhelmed by his optimism, tenacity and his talents demanded for this voluminous work. Please join us in congratulating Debu Roy for this extraordinary accomplishment. He truly deserves a thundering applause from all of us. We feel very proud to belong to the same Alma Mater.



## GAABESU GROUP MEDICAL POLICY LAUNCH

We are pleased to announce the launch of "GAABESU Group Medical Policy".

After thorough evaluation and scrutiny, among multiple agencies we have selected "Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company Limited" as our Health Insurance partner to start with.

We intend to start the tenure from 1st July 2016. This tailor-made policy is designed only for GAABESU Life Members.

You are requested to go through the salient points mentioned below. A sample calculation is shown below so that you can estimate your premium for a desired Sum Insured.

### GAABESU Group Insurance

#### Highlights of GAABESU Group Medical Policy:

- All pre-existing disease will be covered from Day 1. Hence No waiting period.
- There will be Pre hospitalization benefits upto 30 days
- There will be Post hospitalization benefits upto 60 days
- Visit: <http://www.apollomunichinsurance.com/our-hospital-network.aspx> for the list of hospitals where you can avail cashless facility in India.
- No capping in hospital room rent.
- Local emergency ambulance = 1% of SI. Subject to max. Rs. 2000 per person per family.
- No medical test is required for any age.
- In Day Care up to 140 procedures are covered. Detailed list will be provided
- Minimum age for Entry is 18 years and Maximum age for Entry is 75 years. Children upto 25 years can be covered.
- Note: Special capping for following disease:
  - o Cataract: Rs. 25000/- per eye
  - o Gall stone: Rs. 40000/-
  - o Hernia: Rs. 30000/-
  - o Appendicitis: Rs. 30000/-

Premium Table:

Sample Calculation:

- SUM INSURED RS. 200000 lac  
AGE 40 (SELF) AGE 36(SPOUSE) AGE 6(CHILD)  
Calculation:  $3881(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 3881(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 2655(\text{AGE BAND } 0 \text{ TO } 17) = 10417 + 14.5\% = 11,928/-$  (FINAL PREMIUM).
- SUM INSURED RS. 300000 lac  
AGE 40 (SELF) AGE 36(SPOUSE) AGE 6(CHILD)  
Calculation:  $4490(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 4490(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 2886(\text{AGE BAND } 0 \text{ TO } 17) = 11866 + 14.5\% = 13,587/-$  (FINAL PREMIUM).
- SUM INSURED RS. 400000 lac  
AGE 40 (SELF) AGE 36 (SPOUSE) AGE 6 (CHILD)

Calculation:  $5126(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 5126(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 3117(\text{AGE BAND } 0 \text{ TO } 17) = 13369 + 14.5\% = 15,308/-$  (FINAL PREMIUM).

- SUM INSURED RS. 500000

AGE 40 (SELF) AGE 36 (SPOUSE) AGE 6 (CHILD)

Calculation:  $5506(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 5506(\text{AGE BAND } 36 \text{ TO } 45) + 3348(\text{AGE BAND } 0 \text{ TO } 17) = 14360 + 14.5\% = 16,443/-$  (FINAL PREMIUM)

Plan assumed above is for Self + Spouse + Child 1 + Child 2

#### Documentation Requirements:

- One passport size photo (for each insured member)
- Address proof (only for primary member)
- Proof of Age (for each insured member)
- GAABESU Life Membership no. OR Department with Year

Members can provide their document on the following e-mail id: [gaabesuinsurancedocs@gmail.com](mailto:gaabesuinsurancedocs@gmail.com)

#### Additional Benefits:

- Dedicated Account Manager with dedicated 24 X7 mobile number.
- Dedicated Cashless Helpline -24 X7 mobile number.
- Dedicated Helpdesk at client location on weekly basis.
- SMS alert to the member (if mobile number is provided) Receipt of claims/ Query / Cashless Authorization.
- Auto mailers-Cashless Status/Receipt of claims/Query Letters/Query Reply acknowledgements/NEFT with reasons of disallowance.
- E-cards-Will be issued within 2 working days. From the date of policy issuance. Online access can be provided to each employee to access the stated details.
- Physical cards issued within 5 working days from the date of policy issued. Decentralized dispatch of physical card to different offices of client can be arranged subjected to availability of employee location detail.
- Corporate HR login can be provided to access enrolled member detail, e-card of enrolled members, settled and pending claim details.
- Decentralized-Multi-location processing done to avoid delays-Our claim processing centres are at Gurgaon and Hyderabad. However claim can be submitted in any office of AMHI OR FHPL across the country. Our claim processing is

digital and on real time basis. That means the claim is up loaded in the digital form at from offices across the country on the day of the claim submission our Hyderabad and Gurgaon office immediately starts working on the same.

- Call Centre works 24X7-call centre support is available. Besides dedicated single point of contact will be provided.
- Cashless -Operative on Sundays and Public Holidays
- Mobile application -Mobile apps can be roll out for Android and IOS.
- Free Health Check-ups camps with doctor's consultation - Eye/Dental/General
- Paid Health Check ups at discounted rates.

#### Payment Instruction

If you want to pay the premium by cheque then pay the cheque in favour of "GAABESU" and send to the following address with your documents: (Please write GROUP MEDICAL POLICY in the back of the cheque)

GAABESU Office

University Guest House,

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur,

P.O. Botanic Garden,

Howrah - 711 103

Phone No. 033 2668 7436

If you want to pay the amount on line please see the details given below:

Payee's Name : GAABESU

A/C No. : 0171010377147

Account: Savings account

Bank : United Bank of India,

Besud Branch

Swift Code UTBIINBBOBC

IFSC Code : UTBI0BUSF63 (5th letter stands for zero)

If you want to pay through SBI Collect please see the step by step process given below:

Step by step process

1. Go to [www.onlinesbi.com](http://www.onlinesbi.com)

2. Click on the tab 'State Bank Collect'
3. Accept terms and conditions and then click 'Proceed'
4. Select State of Corporate/Institution- 'West Bengal' from the drop-down list
5. Select Type of Corporate/Institution- 'Others' from the drop down list
6. Select 'GAABESU' from the drop down list. A page with GAABESU name and logo will appear.
7. Select category- "Membership or Donation"
8. Enter all personal information in the Form that would pop up. Then select the Purpose of Payment.
9. Enter the amount to be paid and then proceed.
10. Review the information.
11. Select the preferred payment options - direct bank debit/debit card/credit card/cash payment at SBI branch etc.
12. Make payments.



## GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHING ARTICLES IN ALUMNI LINK

**The following guidelines are followed in accepting any write-ups for publication:**

1. Please send your comments and relevant information/materials for publication to [alumnilink3@gmail.com](mailto:alumnilink3@gmail.com) and write "Alumni Link" in the subject line
2. Comments, observations, and suggestions about any alumni activities and IEST, Shibpur are welcome.
3. Contribution in the form of stories, poems, sketches, cartoons, travelogues, essays, etc. are highly appreciated.
4. Contents are accepted in English or Bengali.
5. All write-ups (both Bengali and English) should be in MS-Word format (no PDF)
  - a. Font and size: Adorsholipi (9pt) for Bengali and Verdana (9pt) for English
  - b. Bengali typing software: Avro Keyboard (in MS Word)
  - c. Poems/ songs/quotations Font (that are part of the articles, not stand-alone content): Adorsholipi in italics (9pt)
  - d. Alignment: Justify or aligned with left margin

### 6. NOTE for Bengali Font:

- a. Set the typing parameters before editing/typing. Avro may be associated with some bugs while transforming fonts and it may fail to change the fonts later; please use this caution to avoid retyping.
- b. Set font to Adorsholipi and size 9 point before typing starts. Avro uses Vrinda by default.
- c. Please refrain from using English words as much as possible in a Bengali write-up and too many such use i.e. inability to translate English to Bengali may lead to rejection of the content.
- d. When it is absolutely required to put English fonts in Bengali write-up, please use Verdana gpt font.
- e. Do not use multiple spaces/tabs between words; use default paragraph margins for typing and two spaces at the start of each new sentence. Please do not change the line indents.
- f. Save files in .doc (or .docx format. MS Word sometimes fails to retain formatting after closure of document and you are responsible to choose appropriate version (2003) etc.) as long as your formatting is not disrupted when you convert the document to a PDF.

7. Personal and professional accomplishments that you want to share with your fellow alums are encouraged. Please refrain from using this forum to promote personal propaganda or business.
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## DONATIONS

We are pleased to inform you that Smt. Archana Mukhopadhyay, wife of late Satya Narayan Mukhopadhyay, 1953ME donated INR 10 lakhs to honor her husband starting an endowment at GAABESU to help few needy IEST Shibpur students.

**Smt. Archana Mukhopadhyay.**

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For additional information about this donation, please contact GAABESU Secretary, Partha P Roy, 97CE or GAABESU Ex-President, S. P. Datta, 67CE.



## OBITUARIES

**Satya Narayan Mukhopadhyay, 1953ME**

Satya Narayan Mukhopadhyay (known to his juniors as "Satyada"), Mechanical 1953, passed away on March 11, 2016 evening at his flat in UDITA Complex, Kolkata leaving his wife Archana Mukhopadhyay and host of friends and admirers.

After graduation in 1953 Satyada worked in Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. and Martin Burn Ltd. before joining Wellman Incandescent in Kolkata where he worked till his migration to USA in the year 1970.

In USA he joined "Stone and Webster", a well-known Engineering firm specialized in Nuclear power plants. After retirement from Stone and Webster in USA he started his own consulting service firm on miscellaneous power generation plants.

He completed his MS in Engineering from Brooklyn Polytechnic, New York and became a professional engineer (PE) from states of New York and New Jersey.

He returned permanently from United States at the call of his mother and started staying in his flat at UDITA Complex from 2002.

During his stay in USA from 1970 to 2001 he used to be actively involved in all B.E. College Alumni Reunions there and also in Durga Puja and other Bengali Cultural Functions. He was well known in Udita complex for his voluntary work in Udita maintenance committee and other cultural ceremonies.

He was a great violinist, painter and photographer from early life and continued till the last days of his life. He used to enjoy travelling and went to many places in India and abroad. He always extended his helping hand to the needy.

Satyada will be always remembered for his friendly relation with everyone.

**Kajal Ghosh | 1967 CE**

Dear Classmates,

With heavy heart, I inform the sad demise of **Soumitra Sankar Pal**, our classmate from Electrical Engineering branch.

I came to know this sad news from Facebook posting by his son and daughter-in-law.

Soumitra was born on 1st June 1951, and breathed last on 1st March 2016. It seems he was having health problems for last one month.

Soumitra joined B E College in July 1968 along with us. Earlier he attended Hare School in Kolkata. Probably most of his working life he was with DVC.

Our directory of classmates prepared by Nirmalya, listed his residential address at Flat No C-6 /92 Kendriya Vihar, P.O. Airport, Kolkata-- 700 052, with his

Mobile Phone # 91- 94 34 74 76 91.

Soumitra was 64 years old, definitely not an age to say good bye to the world. It is a difficult time for his family, specifically for his wife Arati.

I request my classmates residing in Kolkata to contact the bereaved family members of Soumitra in these sad difficult days.

May Soumitra's soul rest in eternal peace.

**Shyam Adhikari | MeT 1973**

College Mates,

**Mr. Shuvendu Sarker**, an alumni of BE College, left for his heavenly abodes on this 21st May, at Hyderabad.

He joined B.E College in 1967, in Electrical Engineering and graduated in 1973. He was a competent Tabalchi, and in CES, in Delhi for quite some time. He left behind his bereaved wife, only son, and daughter in law.

He was a very close friend of me in person, since college days and also we were close family friends.

I pray for salvation of his soul.

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**Sarasij Majumder ('73 CE), on behalf of his family, friends and college mates.**

Dear All,

Anil Chandra Debnath (Civil 1966) is no more. He met with tragic end of his life on his way back to Kolkata from Dehradun where he spent some enjoyable days with his family.

During early hours of 9th March 2016 when his return train was some distance away from Asansol he was feeling uncomfortable with chest pain. His only son (also an engineer) requested RPF for a doctor. When the doctor reached the compartment to see him he was already dead and family members were advised to get down at next station (Asansol) with his body. Cremation was done at Asansol.

After passing out in 1966 Debnath joined PWD, Government of West Bengal where he served for more than 38 years in various positions and places till his retirement on superannuation. For a substantial period he was involved in construction of Second Hooghly Bridge (Vidyasagar Setu) on deputation to Hooghly River Bridge Commissioners (HRBC).

Debnath, after retirement, used to prefer spending time with his family and relatives. I was never successful to make him join our

batch (66-67) get-together or get-together of PWD retired engineers even with lot of efforts.

He was very soft spoken and was very serious about his office work.

I am shocked for his unfortunate demise and pray for his soul to rest in peace.

**Syama Prasad Dutta | CE 1967**

**On behalf everyone at GAABESU, we offer our sincere condolence to their families and friends. We pray for the eternal peace of the departed souls.**

Please visit [www.becollege.org](http://www.becollege.org) or join our facebook page [www.facebook.com/gaabesu](https://www.facebook.com/gaabesu) for more updates.



**MY SISTER**

**Kausik Bandopadhyay, '78 CE**

Grey memories of bygone days haunt me.

Being accompanied by you,

Often I went to that Girls' school

With trembling feet amid

The hundreds of curious feminine eyes.

On your assurance, the series of

Palm trees played with me.

Since long I could not find you

On the swinging hammock -

Tied among the trees in garden.

I don't know where you reside now!

While every home is rejoicing

With fun and festive fervour,

The adolescent spirit inside me

Becomes restive in search of you.