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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Should we really care about BE College?

Most of our fellow alumni are indifferent in their attitude towards our Alma Mater (BE College). They believe that their responsibility towards the college ended with graduation. Is this a rational attitude? Should we really care about our college? This issue has been in my (and a few others') mind for quite some time. In trying to come up with some answers to this question, I found at least two reasons. There may be more.

The first one is the reason of morality. We have been fostered by BEC in our formative years when we needed nurturing. The seeds of our achievements in professional life were sown at BEC. Now BEC needs help so that it can do the same thing for future generations. Should we not look after BEC just the way we look after our old parents? I think so. What do you think?

Also, we should remember that we received our education almost free. The tax paid by the poor people in India was used in our engineering education. I believe that it is our moral responsibility to help our college so that it can continue with the rich tradition of educating next generation of engineers when the government cannot subsidize the education, the way they used to do previously.

The second reason is self-interest. We received our education from the then top-ranked school. The diploma carried a lot of value and we utilized that value to get subsequent education and employment. If the degree loses its value, it affects our marketability in seeking employment. In order to keep the value intact, we must ensure that college has enough resources to provide top grade education that is recognized by everybody. Although this issue is more important to newer alumni, it affects everybody.

This is why Harvard and other top-tier schools' graduates help their Alma Mater and maintain the value of their degrees.

With this in mind, I would fervently urge all of my fellow alumni to be involved in the issues related to our Alma Mater and help it to regain its past glory. Your involvement and help will encourage others to join. This will demonstrate your commitment to our Alma Mater's continued advancement and to support its talented students and teachers. Hope you will not fail BEC. If BEC fails, we all fail.



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BESUS IN THE NEWS

BEC, Kolkata, moves into the elite club

Excerpt from the original article titled "IITs hold sway again, swapping dominance among them while BIT, Ranchi, and BEC, Kolkata, move into the elite club" by Sandeep Unnithan. The article appeared in India Today on June 13, 2005.

As expected, the top 10 list of engineering colleges is dominated by the IITs. There are gains for BIT, Mesra, Ranchi, which appears in ninth place this year – it did not appear on the top 10 list in 2004. BIT was the first technical university to establish overseas extension centres in 2000 and one of the few universities to be accorded a Super Computer at the core of its ultramodern IT infrastructure.

The 149-year-old Bengal Engineering College, Kolkata, which appears for the first time, makes an entry in the 10th spot. For details, check out <http://www.becollege.org>.

President of India to visit BESUS on July 13, 2005

Reported by Mr. Santanu Chatterjee, 65EE

All alumni will be very happy to learn that His Excellency the Hon'ble President of India has very kindly consented to "officially inaugurate" our University at a special function to be held on July 13th, 2005 at the request of our Vice Chancellor.

VC's Plan to Upgrade BESUS

(As appeared in The Telegraph, Calcutta, India, Tuesday, May 03, 2005: Varsity eyes triple growth by A STAFF REPORTER)

The Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, has embarked on a massive expansion plan, which will almost triple its size, at a cost of Rs 950 crore.

"We have asked the state to provide 100 acres of land, close to our institute, to open another campus. We are also planning to apply for another 100 acres near the Kona Expressway," said vice-chancellor Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Banerjee. The existing campus is spread across 121 acres.

The institute is the country's second-oldest engineering centre

and will celebrate its 150th anniversary on November 24, 2006.

Dr. Banerjee met Union Human Resources Development Minister Mr. Arjun Singh in New Delhi on April 18 and discussed the blueprint for upgrading the university.

Additional secretary in the Union higher education department Mr. Sudip Banerjee has called a meeting of the heads of seven engineering institutions, including the one in Shibpur, to discuss a comprehensive plan for expansion. All seven are set to be declared institutes of national importance.

"We require Rs 200 crore immediately and another Rs 750 crore over the next three to four years for the expansion," Banerjee told Metro. He said the university wanted to be among the 10 best in the country.

"We want to include in our curriculum the emerging areas of technology, like power electronics, disaster engineering, nano-science and technology, and very large-scale integration," the vice-chancellor said. "We will also set up bio-technology, chemical engineering and food processing departments."

Under the Centre-initiated Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme, the State Government has already sanctioned Rs 50 crore for the university. The grant will be spent on upgrading the infrastructure.

"We will build a 1,000-capacity central auditorium at a cost of Rs 10 crore. We are appealing to our alumni to help us with the funds," the vice-chancellor said. The campus has also urged the University Grants Commission to release Rs 2.5 crore for setting up a central library.

Calcutta Port Trust is presently undertaking a feasibility study for a water-treatment plant on campus. A sum of Rs 6 crore will be invested for the plant, which will treat the Hooghly water for use by the university.

Vice-chancellor Banerjee added: "Around Rs 8 crore is being spent on constructing a 16-floor academy building. We have already set up an eight-floor building on our own. The academy building, too, is likely to be built with our own resources."

The university wants to strengthen its ties with the industry to earn additional revenue and help students get lucrative jobs.



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"We do a lot of projects for both the government and the industry. We also work for organisations like the Defense Research and Development Organisation and Indian Space Research Organisation. We now want to expand the horizon," Banerjea signed off.

(End of Article)

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee sent his update on May 5, 2005 after talking with Dr. N R Banerjea, VC:

His Excellency the President of India was pleased to meet the Vice Chancellor and during his discussions stated that he was looking forward to visiting BESUS sometime in mid July 2005 and after hearing the VC's submissions, His Excellency encouraged him to put more emphasis on the emerging areas like 'Bio Informatics', 'Bio Sciences', etc.

During the meeting with the Additional Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India, he confirmed that the Govt. of India will provide adequate funds to the selected institutions so that they are able to bridge the gap between their infrastructural facilities and that of the IITs.

Canadian varsity, Tata scout for BE students

Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey, Times News Network [Thursday, April 14, 2005 02:28:33 AM]

KOLKATA: It's raining good news on the Bengal Engineering College (now university) campus. A foreign university and one of India's biggest business houses called on BEC on Tuesday to scout for its best and brightest.

While Windsor University, one of the leading institutions in Canada, wants some BEC students to complete their post-graduate study on its campus, Tata Steel will pick up bright third-year students as trainees and pay them a monthly stipend of Rs 6,000 till they graduate. These students will then be absorbed in the company.

It is perhaps for the first time that BEC students are being offered scholarships to join a foreign university. It is a BEC alumnus of the 1970 batch, Nihar Biswas, now the dean of engineering studies and research at Windsor University, who has made this possible. "Biswas visited us on Tuesday and made the offer in writing.

Both universities will draw up a MoU in a month. We are

absolutely thrilled," vice-chancellor of BEC, N.R. Banerjea, told TOI.

The university will pick students from metallurgy, civil, mechanical, and electrical and electronics and telecommunications departments. "Biswas realises how difficult it is for an Indian student to pay foreign varsity fees. So the agreement is being drawn up in such a way that every graduate student will be given job opportunities on the campus to pay for his/her tuition fees and other expenses," Banerjea added.

Banerjea described the Tata Steel offer as an "unheard of opportunity". "Tata Steel has only approached IIT-Kharagpur and BEC with this offer. Traditionally, the students are placed when they are well into their fourth year. In this case, as soon as they reach third year our students have the chance of getting picked up by an industry leader and even get a stipend for the rest of their student days," he said.

Tata Steel joins hands with BESU for R&D

(Original article from The Financial Express: April 21, 2005)

Tata Iron & Steel Co. (Tata Steel) has joined hands with Bengal Engineering & Science University (BESU), Howrah, (formerly known as Sibpur Engineering College) in the area of R&D. According to an agreement signed recently by the two, Tata Steel's role, apart from supplying its improved construction grade steel for the study would be providing an understanding of steel, including its basic microstructure and physical properties, etc.

Tata Steel joins hands with BESU for R&D Debashish Bhattacharjee, Tata Steel's chief of research, development and scientific services, said: "we would inform them about whatever they want to know about the steel". "Certain high-strength grades of cement have been specified for use in the construction of flyovers and bridges these days; we want to see how our steel behaves in combination with such cement grades," Dr Bhattacharjee told FE recently, adding that the database with the steel major has become obsolete as it was mostly based on ordinary portland cement (OPC) used in the past.

The study would require a number of experiments, which, in turn, would need manpower, effort, time, etc, best suited for engineering students like those from BESUS. Tata Steel is to fund the project, estimated to run into "tens of lakhs of rupees" over a period of two & a half years. Three professors (two from Metallurgy and one from C.E. departments) of



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BESUS would be involved in it. "It has been left to the engineering college as to how they would structure the research programme for their M Tech students", added the Tata Steel R&D chief.

The project, however, is to be reviewed jointly by the two parties by the end of the second year. When asked about the end-result of the study, Dr Bhattacharjee said, "ultimately, we would have a databank on different parameters like strength and corrosion performance of the steel," adding, "then you know where you are; without the data you don't. Not only will we have the data, but we would be able to know the dominant mechanism affecting the combination of steel and cement. We would also get certain desired results."

Tata Steel is also collaborating with IIT-Kharagpur, on a number of research projects like iron implantation to improve quality of steel, copper-bearing interstitial-free steel (IF), new optimization techniques, etc. Such collaborations between industry and university - on the rise in recent years - help in utilising the country's latent talent in academia. It also contributes towards adding to the country's human resource background.

Inauguration of dedicated VLSI Lab

Presently VLSI is the emerging area of interest among the researchers and engineers from Information Technology, Computer Science, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. It is reported that around 5000 Engineers per year would be appointed by the VLSI industry in India in the coming years. In order to cope up with this demand, the country requires at least 10 times as many engineers and researchers as India is producing now.

Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (BESUS) is going to start a post-graduate VLSI education programme with the state-of-the art hardware and software. Faculty and a selected group of students will be involved in VLSI research at the Ganapati Sengupta VLSI Laboratory (started with the donation from Mrs. Sengupta in memory of Mr. Sengupta, BEC alumnus from Metallurgy dept.). The Ganapati Sengupta VLSI Laboratory was inaugurated on May 13, 2005 at 10 AM by Dr. N R Banerjea, Vice-Chancellor, BESUS.

A number of prominent people from the industry and academia as listed below were present during the inauguration ceremony:

- Prof Amar Mukherjee, Univ. of Central Florida, USA

- Mr. Suhas R Basu Director, SBEG Consultant (P) Ltd.
- Mr. G Bandopadhyay, President DPS Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Amrit Das, CEO, Netguru, USA

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. D. Ghosh, Dean, Faculty of Engg., BESUS. In his inaugural speech the Vice-Chancellor mentioned about the contribution of the North California BE College Alumni Association to their Alma Mater. He thankfully acknowledged the contribution of Dr. Elizabeth Sengupta, wife of Late Ganapati Sengupta, to put this university in the map of state-of-the-art techno research. He expressed his desire to transform this laboratory into a formal VLSI School.

Prof. Amar Mukherjee appreciated the belated endeavour to pursue the VLSI research and education in proper direction. Mr. Suhas Basu and Mr. G Bandyopadhyay shared their memories of Late Ganapati Sengupta with the audience.

To commemorate this occasion a seminar on "VLSI research and education in the present scenario" was organized by the Management Committee of Ganapati Sengupta VLSI Laboratory. The following VLSI experts from academics / industry were invited to speak at the seminar:

1. P Pal Chaudhuri, Ex-Professor, Dept. of CST, BESUS
2. Bhargab Bhattacharya Professor, ACM Unit, ISI Kolkata
3. Susanta Sen, Professor, Institute of Radio Physics and Electronics, Calcutta University
4. Dr. P P Das, Director, Interra Systems
5. Indranil Sengupta, Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Kgp
6. Debesh Das, Professor, Dept of CSE, Jadavpur University

Prof. P Pal Chaudhuri's topic was "VLSI research and education in the next decade – introspection." Prof. Indranil Sen Gupta talked on "VLSI Design: where we stand today?" Prof. Debesh Kumar Das delivered lecture on "VLSI Design and Test - Indian scenario". Prof. Bhargab B. Bhattacharya gave an outline of "VLSI Design: An Interdisciplinary Challenge". Dr. Partha Pratim Das of Interra Systems presented the "VLSI Education in India" in the perspective of the industry. Prof. Susanta Sen discussed about "VLSI education – the Indian scenario" from an academic perspective.

The programme was attended by faculty members of, students and research scholars various Universities. On this occasion, proceedings were also compiled. The whole programme was moderated by Prof. S S Barat, Director Purabi Das School of Information Technology.



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Alumni Seminar Project Update

Dr. N R Banerjee, VC, BESUS assigned Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, 87CE, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department as the faculty coordinator for Alumni Seminar Project. Prof Chakraborty takes the coordinator role from Dr. Pratik Dutta, 90MinE who is visiting USA for his Post Doctoral research. Prof. Chakraborty can be reached at arunchakraborty@mailcity.com or arun@civil.becs.ac.in

After a successful seminar by Prof. Nihar Biswas, 70CE, Dean, University of Windsor, Canada on "Higher Studies in Canada", Prof. Prabir Bagchi, 69ME will visit BESUS and deliver a seminar on "Higher Studies in the USA" on July 26, 2005.

In case you are visiting Kolkata and want to visit your Alma Mater, deliver a seminar in your professional area, please contact Prof. Chakraborty or Mr. Ashsis Basu, 83CE, alumni coordinator at a-basu@mail.com.

GAA IN THE NEWS

Global Alumni Association is Registered

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee reported on Thu, 16 Jun 2005

At long last GAABESUS (Global Alumni Association of Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur) has been registered under the West Bengal Societies Act, 1961. The registration number is S/IL/29880 of 2005-2006 dated 10th June, 2005. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

GAA – BESUS CONNECTION

Global Alumni Suggestions to the VC

On behalf of BESUS global alumni web team we congratulate, Dr. N R Banerjee, VC, BESUS for his commitment, leadership and vision to upgrade our Alma Mater to one of the top-10 engineering institutes in India and in the process of converting BESUS to an IIT/INI. The global alumni community has been showing a tremendous interest and passion and wants to be part of this history-making process along with BESUS senior management, faculty and everyone involved in the daily operation of our Alma Mater.

We are happy to see the great progress being made by our senior alumni to form a global alumni association, which will

serve and engage all its alumni, faculty and students. The association will assist in fostering a lifelong intellectual and emotional connection between the college and its alumni and will also lend a hand to enhance the capability of BESU, Shibpur. Many of our distinguished alumni exchanged ideas on how to create a road map to upgrade BESUS to an IIT/INI. However, as the alumni association has not yet been formalized and there is not a proper channel available to communicate effectively with global alumni, the web team requested all alumni to send their suggestions on what BESUS should include in its proposed road map to upgrade BESUS to an IIT/INI. We received around 50 suggestions from alumni representing 7 decades and all major alumni hubs around the world. We compiled and edited them. From those, we created an executive summary. We included individual suggestions at the end of this document. We hope the VC and his team will use these suggestions in developing the road map for BESUS. We also hope this effort is a great start to the long journey which BESUS will take to realize its long cherished dream to bring back the old glory of our beloved Alma Mater. We mailed a copy of the complete document (50 pages) to the VC on June 6 and also sent to faculty representatives and senior alumni in charge of GAA via emails.

The executive summary of the alumni suggestions is available at:

<http://www.becollege.org/news/AlumniSuggestions.pdf>

GAA ACTIVITIES

North American Alumni Meet at NABC-2005

Bengal Engineering & Science University Alumni Meeting at the North American Bengali Conference (NABC), 2005
New York City
July 2, 2005: 10 AM to 12 Noon

Agenda

- 10:00 AM: Welcome
- 10:05 AM: Introduction of Alumni
- 10:15 AM: Formation of Global Alumni Association
- 10:35 AM: 150th Anniversary Celebration
- 10:50 AM: Effort to Upgrading BESU to IIT/INI Status
- 11:00 AM: Status of Alumni supported Projects in BESU



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11:15 AM: Recent Activities at BESUS

11:25 AM: BESU Participation in Removing Arsenic to provide safe drinking water to more than 100,000 villagers in West Bengal

11:40 AM: Open Discussion

12:00 Noon: Adjourn

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Chapters' Activities

- BECAA Oman Chapter celebrated Family Get Together on May 5, 2005. For future events, please contact Shuvendu Bakshi, 91Arch or Rajdeep Dutta, 88EE
- BECAA Canada Chapter hosted AGM on May 29 at Toronto. Please contact Mr. Jyoti R Sengupta, 54CE for any information about BEAAA, Canada.
- BECAA Washington DC organized its local annual picnic on June 11 at Seneca Creek State Park, MD. Contact Mr. Tapas Som, 71ME & Mr. Shyamal Dasgupta, 80MetE for all events around Washington DC.
- BECAA Northern California (San Francisco) hosted its annual dinner on June 11 at Milpitas. Contact Manoj Bhattacharya, 78EE for local events in San Francisco area.

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alum Receives an International Award

Dr. B. K. Bose (56EE) has been selected to receive the 2005 IEEE PELS William E. Newell Award. This award recognizes his outstanding achievements in the multidisciplinary field of power electronics. He will receive a suitably inscribed plaque and a cash award of US \$5,000.00, as well as registration at the conference where the presentation is made. The award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at PESC® 2005 in Thursday, June 16, 2005.

The William E. Newell Power Electronics Award is presented annually by the Power Electronics Society for outstanding achievement in power electronics. It is dedicated to the memory of Dr. William E. Newell of the Westinghouse

Research and Development Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Awarded annually since 1977, this honor has come to represent recognition by one's peers as an outstanding contributor to the field of power electronics.

An individual is chosen on the basis his exceptional contributions encompassing a broad range of activities that include teaching, innovative research, consulting endeavors, professional seminars, major project or program management, and the general communication and advocacy of power electronics technology to the technical community as a whole. The technical disciplines, which encompass the field of power electronics, include the analysis, design, development, simulation, and application of electronic devices, magnetics, controls, and power circuits for inverters, converters, and motor drives, ranging in power levels from fractions of a watt to megawatts.

BESUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BESUS: Winner of Mondialogo Engineering Award

The international Mondialogo jury has selected 21 project teams for the first Mondialogo Engineering Award in Berlin. Five of the 21 project teams were awarded special jury recognition for the outstanding quality of their work. The following joint project from BESUS has been awarded the honour.

Project title: Providing Arsenic-Free Water in Remote Villages in West Bengal, India

Award category: Water supply

Partner institutions: Lehigh University, United States of America (3 Participants) and Bengal Engineering & Science University, Republic of India (2 Participants)

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Note from Dr. Anirban Gupta

We received the award along with 20 other awardees. You can also check at the website www.mondialogo.org/mea Please contact me if you want to know anything more. We have been awarded US \$18000 to initiate the project.

With regards,

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Workshop on Power Electronics at BESUS

The National Workshop on Power Electronics was held at Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur during June 17-18, 2005. The workshop offered unique opportunity to the researchers, engineers, academicians and students working in the area of Power Electronics to interact in a lively atmosphere & exchange the latest ideas on power converters, drives, control, electric machines and related subjects.

The objective of the seminar was to make a national level effort in strengthening Power Electronics Technology so as to make India a dominant global player in this area by the next five years time, by identifying and giving thrust to R&D activities and by enhancing the indigenous R&D expertise and infrastructure in Power Electronics area. It aims the development of world-class technology of PE products, through long-term and short-term projects.

The conference was inaugurated at the auditorium in M.N. Dastur School of Materials Science and Engineering,

Technical sessions took place at the seminar hall of the Science & Technology Building.

BECAA WMA announces research award winners

BECAA WMA announced the winners of Young Faculty Research Award for year 2004-05. Dr. Subrata Chakraborty & Dr. Aparna Ghosh from Dept. of Civil Engineering, BESUS will each receive Rs. 50,000 as award money.

Dr. Chakraborty's publication "*Sensitivity evaluation in seismic reliability analysis of structures*" coauthored by Abhijit Chaudhuri a research Scholar in the Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, (formerly, Post Graduate Student, Department of Civil Engineering, B.E.S.U.S., India) was published in *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering* (Year 2004, Vol. 193, pp 59-68, Elsevier).

Dr. Ghosh's publication titled "*Effect of soil interaction on the performance of tuned mass dampers for seismic application*" coauthored by Dr. B. Basu, of the Department of

Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland was published in the *Journal of Sound and Vibration* (July 2004, Vol. 274, pp 1079 – 1090, Elsevier).

Visit <http://www.becaa-wma.org> for further details.

50th Anniversary: 1958 Batch

The following announcement was received from Debabrata Kar:

1958 graduates will be completing 50 years of graduation in year 2008. The participants will include 1958 batch and all those who studied with them. This will include a large number of alumni who studied in BEC during 1953 to 1960. Those belonging to this group may please contact one of the following alumni:

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Ahindra Ghosh (58-Met) ahindra258@yahoo.co.in

HELPLINE

BESUS faculty requests support to attend a Conference

Gautam Bhattacharya, '77CE is approaching alumni for a partial travel grant so that he can attend an International Conference to present a paper titled "*Risk Evaluation Of Existing Piled Foundations In Liquefiable Soils*" co-authored by Subhamoy Bhattacharya, Fugro Limited (U.K.), Gopal Madabhushi, University of Cambridge, U.K. Other details are as follows:

Theme of the Paper Session: Earthquake in Geotechnical Engineering; *The Conference:* International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, 2005 held every Four Years. *Place of Conference:* Osaka, Japan; *Duration of the Conference:* September 12-16, 2005; *Sponsor:* International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE); *Nature of Presentation:* Both Oral and Poster.

The estimated cost, all-inclusive is about Rs. 1.5 Lac. So far the BESUS has granted Rs. 30,000/-, the NPEEE Rs.50,000/-. Another Rs. 20,000/- is expected from DST. That leaves a deficit of Rs.50,000/-. Prof. Bhattacharya is looking for financial support from the alumni for the above amount.



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Please send a message to gbecaa@yahoo.com, if you have any suggestions or comments. Prof. Bhattacharya can be reached at bhattacharya-g@lycos.com

BESUS student requests support to attend a Conference

The National Conference Board, Japanese Ministry of Land Infrastructure & Transport has organized an International Conference in Tokyo from 27th to 29th of September, 2005 on SUSTAINABILITY OF BUILDINGS (Details for the conference is at the website <http://www.sb05.com>)

ARITRA BANERJEE, a 4th year B.Arch student, submitted an Abstract & Full Paper on the above issue that was accepted along with an offer to present the same. While he applied for financial support from the organizers, none were available. Subsequently, he has been asking for financial support from the alumni. banerjearitra@yahoo.co.in is his contact address.

BESU Japan Alumni Association has made arrangements for his stay and food in Shinagawa area, Tokyo, during 26~30 September (approx tenure). Contact: dpal@lehman.com / iyotirmoy.halder@citigroup.com

Ex-Faculty of BESUS seeks financial support

Bengal Engineering College Ex-faculty Fourm at Kolkata, seeks financial help from fellow alumni to support their operations. Please contact Dr. P. K. Sinha Roy, Joint Secretary, at sinharoy@vsnl.net.in for additional information. The details are available at <http://www.becollege.org>

Mrs. Sujata Sen, wife of Late Dr. Bimal Sen appeals to alumni

Mrs. Sujata Sen, wife of Late Dr. Bimal Sen (First Director of BECDU) is soliciting funds to construct a life size statue of Swami Vivekananda at Salt Lake, Kolkata.

This appeal has nothing to do with BECAA or B. E. College. However, I would like to request you to send this appeal on a personal basis to as many friends as you can.

I would appreciate your help to raise money for this noble cause - Arun Deb, 57CE

“Thank You” from fellow alumnus

A follow-up of a previously published appeal to help fellow alum:

I, Himika Biswas, am a Lecturer of the department of Computer Science & Technology of Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur (Formerly B.E.College) and also completed my B.E. from the same department in the year 2001. One of our papers on Data Mining had been accepted in Fifth SIAM International Conference on Data Mining at Newport Beach, CA. I requested the alumni web team at <http://www.becollege.org> to arrange for my accommodation during my stay in CA so that I can attend the conference and present the paper there. Alumni web team was quick enough to respond to my appeal and directed me to Apurba Tribedi of BECAA, Los Angeles Chapter and also included my request in the alumni newsletter. BECAA Los Angeles arranged my accommodation, and transportation and even my program for site-seeing during this short period very nicely.

I was very comfortable during my stay (from 19th April to 26th April) with Sumanta da (Sumanta Chakraborty) and his family and also with Arun da (Arun Bhattacharyya) and his family. Asamanja da, Kallol da, Arun da and Apurba da (Apurba Tribedi) himself took care of my transport to the conference venue and site seeing at Los Angeles. I am moved with their kind cooperation and hospitality.

The benefit I derived from attending the conference and associated tutorial and workshop is worthwhile not only for me but also for the University. I could establish contacts with several well-known scientists in the field of Artificial Intelligence and discuss our work with them.

I shall ever remember my first conference in USA and the cooperation I receive from the alumni and also their families there.

With Thanks & Regards,

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