



## Global Alumni Association Newsletter, Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur

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# Besu alumni pool in for expansion 15,000 Ex-Students To Donate 1% Of Their Monthly Income

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**Kolkata:** They have come from across the globe to help their alma mater: Over 100 alumni of Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) — the vanguard of the 15,000 alumni spread all over the globe — have converged on the Shibpur campus to pledge financial help for its expansion plans.

On Monday, coinciding with the formal announcement of their global alumni association, they pledged to gift Besu four new facilities: a 1000-seater auditorium that is expected to cost Rs 10 crore, a multistoreyed computerised library building costing approximately Rs 5 crore, helping Besu acquire 40 acres land and building an annexe to the eight storeyed academic building.

Among those present were Prabir Niyogi of the 1962 civil engineering batch who is now settled in Ontario, Canada, Arun Deb of the 1957 civil engineering batch who now heads West-

on Solutions (a prominent civil engineering consultancy firm in Philadelphia), Swapan Saha who works for an IT company in San Francisco, Nihar Biswas of the 1970 civil engineering



batch who is presently dean of students in the University of Windsor, Canada, Prabir Bagchi of the 1969 mechanical engineering batch who is dean of George Washington University and Tarun Basu who is director of the school of computer science at the University of Texas, Dallas.

“We have floated a global alumni foundation website and linked up with the 15,000 strong community. Those who could not come have promised to network with the collegemates of their region in collecting funds,” Shantanu Karmakar, secretary of the foundation and teacher of Besu told TOI.

Recently, an alumnus of the 1952 electrical engineering department settled in San Francisco, Bhudev Lodh, had donated Rs 44 lakh, which helped build an entire floor on the academic building. A donation of Rs 1 crore by Amrit Das, who graduated in 1968, helped set up the Purabi Das School of IT at Besu. The technologically advanced seminar room that has just come up on the campus was built at a cost of Rs 16 lakh — entirely funded by the alumni. “Every alumnus will immediately start giving 1% of their monthly income. There will be other donation drives,” Swapan Saha, who flew down from San Francisco for Monday’s programme, said.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON GAABESUS MEMBERSHIP

▪ *How can one become a GAABESUS Member?*

Any alumnus of BEC/BECDU/BESUS can become a member of GAABESUS by paying membership fees and agreeing to the [published bye-laws](#). In order to become a GAABESUS member:

- 1) Register on-line to GAABESUS (you can do so by following this [link](#)). Please remember your username and password since you may have to use it in the future. (If you do forget your username and/or your password, please send a request to [gaabesu@gmail.com](mailto:gaabesu@gmail.com) with your full name, year of graduation and department). Alternately, please send the following [letter](#) and [application form](#) to Alumni office.
- 2) Send your membership fees

Alumni working abroad but maintaining bank accounts in India can pay from their Indian bank accounts at the rate of their working countries. All other alumni are requested to contact their local alumni representatives as membership fees will be collected at local country level till GAABESUS receives FCR clearance from the Home Ministry, Delhi. Once it receives the clearance, local representatives will transfer the funds to alumni office.



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▪ *Who can be contacted for membership?*

- Canada – Jyoti R Sengupta, 1954CE
- UK – Nandalal Ghosh, 1963CE
- Kuwait – Santosh K Sinha, 1965CE
- UAE – Somnath SinhaRay, 1987Arch
- Oman – Rajdeep Datta, 1988EE
- Japan – Debabrata Pal, 2000EE
- USA - In USA, if you pay by personal check, please make your check payable to “BECAA” and mail your application forms and check to the following address:

BECAA  
C/o Mr. Saroj Bhol  
54 Bosko Drive  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816  
Tel: (732) 257 5989

Alumni in the USA, Canada, Japan, Euro-land, UK, and Australia can pay on-line by a credit card. Follow this [link](#) to sign on to the GAABESUS website and make a payment.

▪ *How my payment will be processed?*

When alumni office receives your payment, alumni office assistants will process them and your name will show up at the GAABESUS website on [this page](#). You will also receive an email confirmation from alumni office. You will also be added to the GAABESUS’ mailing list to receive all future messages from alumni office via email. When your local chapter collects your membership dues, they will send the membership lists periodically to the alumni office for processing. Until such time as the membership is fully processed by the alumni office, your membership status will show up as “Pending” even though you will enjoy all membership privileges. The list of pending members shows up at the GAABESUS website on [this page](#). Once alumni office receives your payment from the local chapters (after FCR clearance) and finishes processing your application, your name will appear as a life/annual member.

▪ *How can one obtain further information on GAABESUS membership?*

In order to view the complete list of frequently asked questions, [click here](#). In order to visit the GAABESUS website, [click here](#).

▪ *What is the future course of action?*

In the near future, the GAABESUS Ad-hoc team will be expanded with official representatives from country and/or local chapters. Several sub-committees will be formed with committee chairs and members to undertake different tasks for GAABESUS including membership drives, communication, legal and constitution, alumni operation and alumni initiatives. The preliminary list will be shared with all alumni by January 18, 2006 for review and feedback. Finally, the list will be reviewed, approved and distributed to all alumni by January 31, 2006. Membership sub-committee will undertake membership drive around the world. The alumni office committee will be responsible for finalizing the logistics of membership operations (membership kits, processes, etc.).

An election will be held by March 31, 2006 if at least 500 paid members are registered.

Once election is over, the elected team will reorganize the committees and focus on GAABESUS Goals including but not limited to 150<sup>th</sup> year celebration, and IIT initiative.

Dated: \_\_/\_\_/20\_\_

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**APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL/LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am enclosing the Membership/Affiliated Membership Application Form duly filled in and signed together with the Life/Annual Membership Fee of INR \_\_\_\_\_ (Indian Rupees \_\_\_\_\_)/U.S.\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. Dollars \_\_\_\_\_)/£ Stg./F Fr./S Fr./DM \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_), for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 20\_\_ to 31<sup>st</sup> March 20\_\_.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the payment and send me the membership certificate.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

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(Signature)

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**IMPORTANT**

Subscription (Payable to GAABESU, S.B. A/C No. E-377147 of UBI, B. E. College Extn. Counter, Howrah – 711 103) for:

1. Life Membership (India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Maldives and Sri Lanka): INR 2500.00. Annual Membership is Rs 150 till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 and INR 250.00 after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006.
2. Life Membership (Middle East): INR 5000.00. Annual Membership (Middle East): INR 500.00.
3. Life Membership (Rest of the world): US\$ 300.00 (or INR 13,500.00); Annual Membership (Rest of the world): US\$ 30.00 (or INR 1,350.00).

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

<b>Name</b> (Full Name in Block Letters):	
<b>◆ Sex:</b> Male/Female	<b>Title</b> (Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms./Capt./Col. etc.):
<b>◆ Occupation:</b> Business/Service/Others (Please specify):	
<b>Office Address</b> (in full with E-mail ID):	
<b>Residential Address</b> (in full with E-mail ID):	
<b>◆ Mailing Address – Office/Residence/Other</b> (Please specify):	
<b>Telephone Numbers</b> ( <i>together with Country &amp; area codes</i> )	<b>Office:</b> <b>Residence:</b>
<b>Mobile/Cell Phone Number(s):</b>	
<b>◆ Relationship with School:</b> Alumnus/Alumnae/Affiliate (Spouse/Well-wisher)	
<b>■ Date of Birth</b> (date & month): <i>(Optional)</i>	<b>■ Date of Wedding</b> (date & month): <i>(Optional)</i>
<b>Year of Graduation from B. E. College (Cal. Univ.)/ BECDU/ BESUS with degree and discipline:</b>  <b>For Affiliated Members: Name of School &amp; Year of Graduation if Applicable:</b>	
<b>✓ Any other relevant information</b>	

[I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association as exists and as may be changed from time to time and also intimate the changes in data, if any, immediately.

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(Signature of the applicant)]

#### NOTE

- ◆ Please strike out whatever is not applicable.
- Dates of Birth & Wedding are being requested so that greetings may be sent in future.
- ✓ We would like to share your achievements. Kindly indicate all of your academic, professional, social and other achievements.