

Date: October 30, 2006

To

Sri Arjun Singh
Hon'ble Minister, Human Resource Development
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi - 110001

**Subject: Transformation of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur
(BESUS) to Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST, An
Institute of National Importance)**

Sir,

We are happy to learn that the MHRD, Govt. of India has taken up the proposal concerning the transformation of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur (BESUS) to Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST) as recommended in the Anandkrishnan Committee report submitted in February 2006. In this report the committee has conceptualised a new system of institutes (IEST) keeping in view the contemporary and foreseeable needs of technical education in India. It is germane to mention here that this move is in consonance with the Vision 2020 of our beloved President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

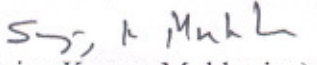
In this regard, Govt. of West Bengal has welcomed the transformation and conveyed their views with respect to the modalities of its implementation. It is also expected that pertinent submission from our university containing the views of the State Government will reach the MHRD by October 31, 2006.

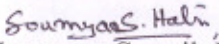
We are also delighted to bring to your kind notice that BESUS will be celebrating its 150th anniversary on the 24th November of this year. We believe that you will concur with us that the transformation of the BESUS to IEST, an INI on the eve of this celebration will be the most appropriate way to recognise and honour the contributions of BESUS in the development of pre- and post-independent India.

We therefore, implore you to foster the momentous event of the proposed transformation so that the MHRD can announce the conversion of BESUS to IEST on or before the 24th November 2006. We thank you for giving your time and are looking forward to this historic announcement.

Thanking you,

Yours truly


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BESUTA: Bengal Engineering and Science University Teachers' Association

BECSU: Bengal Engineering College Students' Union

GAABESU: Global Alumni Association, Bengal Engineering and Science University