

JALPAIGURI GOVT. ENGG. COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (JGECAA)
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Secretary's Report for the year 2025-2026

Another year added to our journey of togetherness, a mission to connect all alumni engaged in various fields within the country and abroad and with the current students of JGEC.

During the year we have planned and performed the following activities:

1. College Foundation Day, which falls on 7th August, was celebrated at Kolkata in The Club House Premises of Engineers' Club, on a Sunday, 10th Aug' 25 for greater participation of alumni. Surpassing earlier record, a total of 118 alumni participated to celebrate the day. All alumni, young or veterans, were engrossed in sharing their good old memories and stories of the college campus and its growing legacies. Light refreshments and cake cutting amidst fun and laughter was followed by sumptuous lunch.

2. Annual Get-Together was held at the Science City Mini Auditorium on 11th January 2026. Seniors from early batches to pass-outs of the recent years participated with enthusiasm. Sri Soumitra Chakraborty of 2022 batch and Sri Nirmal Mondal of 1992 batch charmed everyone with their opening songs. Distinguished senior members shared their memories and gave tips to younger batches. We were fortunate to have with us both the present college Principal, Dr. Amitava Ray and the Ex. Principal, Dr. Haripada Bhowmik. They expressed their appreciation for the various initiatives taken by JGEC Alumni Association for their alma mater and for the current students. Puppet show by the **Dolls' Theatre** group was appreciated by all. At the end, popular singer, Biswajit Pal enlivened the atmosphere with his songs from yester years and current popular songs. The whole day program with sumptuous lunch was enjoyed by all members with their families.

3. Efforts for current students and our Alma Mater: We are continuously trying to reach out to the need of our alma mater and students with our limited resources. JGECAA participated in college programs, sponsored prizes, supported staff in their difficult times and organized science exhibitions with models made by the current students to encourage their talents and skills. Some of our important activities during the year are listed below:

i) Resolved one long standing issue of students not getting their degree certificates within a reasonable time due to processing delays. This was sorted out with our consistent persuasion with the DTE Office at Kolkata.

ii) Provided a modern Interactive Smart Board with advanced facilities in the Language Lab of the college. With the Smart Board, students can now take remote coaching from experts and

alumni at distant locations. We are immensely thankful for the same to Sri Ujjwal Majumder, 1982 batch.

iii) Introduced **Research grants** for the students who wish to explore and innovate through research work. Grants are being offered to those who are recommended by a team of Professors headed by the Principal. So far nine students have taken advantage of this facility. We are collecting fund separately for Research & Development activities from alumni who are coming forward to help the association in this excellent initiative taken for the brilliant students of our beloved institution. At Science City, on the day of the annual get-together on 11th January 2026, alumni of 1975 batch donated an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) for the R&D activity for which we are extremely grateful.

iv) Provided a much needed Carrom Board at the common room of S.B.Hall.

4. We regularly extend our financial support to **“JYOTI – A Ray of Hope”**, an evening coaching class formed and maintained by our college students to coach and guide the needy school students living near the college campus. Apart from helping JYOTI from our limited resources, financial help is being extended by various batches separately for this noble initiative.

5. As decided in the last AGM, we are also collecting financial support from all members with a minimum annual contribution of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred only). This fund is being used to carry out regular activities of the alumni association. The amount collected in total during the year on this head was not much. We hope more members will come forward to support their own association.

6. We also have a separate fund to help any alumni in distress. The present amount available in that account is not at all enough to cater to all such cases. We need to top it up by suitable means.

7. Due to non-availability of our earlier auditor we have carried out the audit for the year 2024-2025 by CA Arup Nandy at the honorarium same as last year.

8. We are yet to identify an accommodation in Kolkata at an affordable price for setting up a permanent office of the association. Although we have tried various means, including application for Government land, nothing has materialized so far.

Thank you all for your continuous support.

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Secretary, JGECAA