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A tall, narrow tower of paper cups is balanced on a wooden surface. The tower is composed of several layers of cups, with each layer consisting of three cups. The cups are dark in color and have some faint markings on them. The background is a vibrant sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a lighter yellow at the top. The overall composition is centered and symmetrical, emphasizing the height and stability of the tower.

Activity of AABU

**“Together We Can
Make a Difference”**

COVID19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities for Alumni Association

Narayan Sahoo
Secretary, AABU

The petrifying and severe impact of COVID-19 has shaken the world to its core. The regular activities of the educational institutions including the alumni association were disrupted by the ongoing pandemic. The pandemic has brought many challenges for alumni associations, but it has also produced new opportunities. In response to new challenges and unforeseen circumstances, the association has adopted digital engagement strategy. Such digital experiences have been able to reach audiences who may not have had the time or ability to attend in-person events. The association has conducted second general body meeting on 21st November 2020, Webinar on 25th February 2021, Bhanjabasi (e-newsletter) on 25th April 2021 in virtual mode. Virtual lectures can be an informative and engaging way to build community and connect with alumni who may not have had the opportunity to frequent in-person events. Hence, in the coming days, the association will organize virtual lecture series to be delivered by the distinguished alumni of the association. Amidst many digital opportunities, a letter from alumni to students can be a special personal touch that goes a long way in fostering connection.

Digital learning has many advantages in itself like it has no physical boundaries. It is also cost-effective and students get to learn in the confines of their comfort zone. However, face-to-face interaction is usually perceived as the best form of communication as compared to the rather impersonalized nature of online learning. The pandemic makes even though the social science people expertise on different digital technology. There are different free virtual

software available such as Google Meet, Zoom App, Cisco Webex Meetings, Adobe Connect, Blackboard, Toyuti LMS, WizIQ, Kaltura Video Cloud, Vedamo Virtual Classroom, Samba Live, LearnCube, etc. which enables us to deliver distance learning experiences through a combination of video conferencing, voice, webinars, chats, and assessment features across all devices and spaces.

In this crucial time, it needs both the alumni and their Alma matter form a meaningful and symbiotic relationship. In general, the alma maters often provide networking opportunities, job connections, and community to their alumni. Especially during this pandemic, as the unemployment rate has spiked, many students are tapping into their alumni networks to seek job opportunities in a challenging economy. This is a great way to drive engagement, amplify our social media presence, and reach alumni and boost the membership. One of the foremost benefits of alumni association membership is the career and professional development opportunities they provide. The AABU already started membership drive through digital mode and for more information again I am sharing the link here. I request all the alumni members please click on the link and enroll as a valuable member of the association.

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Thank you
Secretary, AABU

Students Received Gold Medals During Special Occasion Organized by the University

Over 38 meritorious 2019 graduated batch (UG and PG) students of Berhampur University received Gold Medal for their outstanding academic performance at the special function on 23rd April 2021 held in the Senate Hall by following the Covid-19 guidelines. Many of them expressed their future plans and the hurdles faced to achieve it. The Vice-Chancellor chaired the occasion and lighted about the importance of education. He also advised them to participate for the development of the society as well as the nation. PG Council Chairman, Registrar, and Controller of Examinations (CoE) are also grace the occasion and advised the students for their better future. The CoE informed that the rest of the students will get the certificates and awards in near future. Sibani Jena, Shakti Sourav Das, and Apsana Khatun awarded as best graduate in commerce, science and arts stream respectively. The list of students and their respective degrees are as follows:



| Name of the Students | Department/Degree |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PADMINEE PANIGRAHI | HISTORY (PG) |
| SRIKANTA DAKUA | IR & PM (PG) |
| SOHINI BISWAS | J & MC (PG) |
| SASWATI SWETA RAUT | MBA |
| ANKITA PRIYADARSINI SAHOO | MCA |
| SUNIL KUMAR PADHI | MARINE BIOLOGY (PG) |
| SACHIDANANDA SAHOO | OCEANOGRAPHY (PG) |
| LAXMIPRIYA PATI | MATHEMATICS (PG) |
| RONITA BEHERA | HOME SCIENCE (PG) |
| KUNA JENA | ODIA (PG) |
| RAJESH BARIK | POLITICAL SCIENCE (PG) |
| MEENAKSHI SAHU | ENGLISH (PG) |
| SUBHADARSINI SWAIN | ECONOMICS (PG) |
| AMRUTA SINGH | BOTANY (PG) |
| SWATI SAMANTARAY | CHEMISTRY (PG) |
| SIPRA HOTA | PHYSICS (PG) |
| BHAGYASHREE SWAIN | ZOOLOGY (PG) |
| MRUNMAYA PRADHAN | ELECTRONIC SCIENCE (PG) |
| DEBASMITA PANDA | COMMERCE (PG) |
| PURBASA PRIYADARSINI SAMANTARAY | LL.M. (PG) |
| ANSUMAN PRADHAN | M.LIB. & INF. SC. (PG) |
| ITISHREE PANIGRAHI | M.Sc. (NURSING) |
| MANASI MOHARANA | M.Sc. (NURSING) |
| MANMAYA PADHY | M.D./M.S. |
| MANORANJAN DHAL | M.Ed. |
| SIBANI JENA | BEST GRADUATE (COMMERCE) |
| SHAKTI SOURAV DAS | BEST GRADUATE (SCIENCE) |
| APSANA KHATUN | BEST GRADUATE (ARTS) |
| SARASMITA PANDA | LL.B. |
| SHARMISTHA NAYAK | B.Ed. |
| ANSHUMAN RATH | M.B.B.S. |
| SATYA SANTOSH SAHOO | B.A.M.S. |
| A. VASAVI LAXMI | B.H.M.S. |
| SNEHALATA MAHANKUDA | B.C.A. |
| CH. RUPARANI SUBUDHI | B.B.A. |
| MITA BAHIDAR | B.Sc. (NURSING) |
| ASHUTOSH KAR | B.A.M.S. |

Role of Alumni in Shaping the Future of Berhampur University

Suman Kalyan Chaudhury & Chandra Sekhar Pattnaik

Alumni are critical to the strategic growth and competitiveness of a university as they are primarily meant for the academics, researchers, employment generation, and contribution to the society. It is a privilege for a University as it is greatly benefited from it's as they are the ambassadors for the courses offered by it and promote it predominantly through words of mouth and through other social media in print and publicity. This definitely enhances the placement and internship opportunities for the students and simultaneously facilitates the Assessment and Accreditation of the University. Alumni can also contribute to better job placement rates for the graduates and ongoing career advancement through networking and mentoring through guidance and counseling. We are under an impression that, only the so called universities with potential excellence and of national or international repute do have the privilege of providing placement opportunity to the students. But in reality, the alumni serve as the greatest ambassadors of their University and contribute significantly to this one of the critical outcomes of the University Education.

Greatness of the BU Alumni

Beginning from its inauguration on 2nd January, 1967 by Dr. Ajudhia Nath Khosla, the Honorable 7th Governor of Odisha and Justice Lingaraj Panigrahi the first Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, over lakhs of students have passed out from this alma mater. It is the first among the few state owned public universities to be awarded NAAC A Grade in the very first cycle of Assessment and Accreditation. At this point it is worthwhile to recall that, the alumni have contributed to the maximum extent under UGC

initiative on 'Student Career Progression and Alumni Network of Higher Education Quality Improvement'. The alumni of this university have spread their wings far and near throughout the globe, occupying the positions at various levels right from Indian Civil Service, Combined Defence Service to top notch of Bureaucrats, Corporate House, Scientists, Politicians, Academicians, Sportsman, Musician Poets, Dramatist and many more fields. The pleasant location of the university with good connectivity makes it one of the favorite destinations to pursue different academic programmes like Ph.D and D Litt Level. Many times the university authorities have received wide appreciations for its students who have studied at this University and have shown commendable performance with sincerity, honesty, integrity, commitments and dedication in their respective fields. This makes the University to be proud of such students who have brought laurels to this great Alma Mater.

How Alumni can help the University

To any University, its alumni are the brand ambassadors. The aspiring students who wish to take admission in any of the courses offered by the University, are very much influenced by the opinion of the students who have passed out of the campus. The success of the students upon completion of the course is a win-win relationship for all. The passed out students, the existing students and the University are a single entity. The alumni can contribute to the university in many ways. Some of these are highlighted here:

- ✍ They can spread the word of mouth of messages about the university among all the members of the stakeholders like, students, parents, companies, governments, and public at large.
- ✍ They can share their success stories with the existing students and also in different interaction forums, thereby, motivating and inspiring others to do so.
- ✍ They can guide and provide useful inputs to the students on how the education has helped them in their career and life.
- ✍ They can correlate the real life situations in work place and what they learnt at the campus while they were students here.
- ✍ Voluntarily, they can offer their services to interact with the students.
- ✍ They can convince the students by emphasizing the importance and utility of communication skills, personality, and right aptitude in whatever job they have been doing.
- ✍ They can guide the students in the career planning based on the lessons they learnt during and after as a student of this campus.
- ✍ The alumni play a significant role in arranging industrial visits and study tours. Because of the position held by the alumni the current students have the privilege of easy access to these events, which, otherwise even could not be thought about.
- ✍ They can guide the students about various employment opportunities available upon successful completion of the course for which they have been admitted.
- ✍ Further, the successful alumni can share their view as an Employee, Employer, Entrepreneur and Self Employer.
- ✍ They can build up the network not only for their own growth and development but also for the others.
- ✍ They can contribute to the university by extending their financial support in any way it is possible for them for the alma mater.
- ✍ Non financial assistance can also be extended by the alumni to the students of the university, like free coaching to prepare for the government jobs.

Placement-The crux of alumni contribution to the University

The thing of paramount concern to any student is the placement guidance and assistance from alumni. This article focuses on these aspects of the alumni in providing placement to the students in the University campus. At this juncture it is imperative to understand the requirements of the successful internship and placements in relation to the role of alumni therein. Following are some of the significant ways in terms of placement which the alumni can be game changers in the lives of the students. They are:

- ✍ Any type of job or employment needs communication skills and inters personal skills. With their real life on the job experience, the students can be provided the opportunity to interact and derive real life lessons from the alumni.
- ✍ The alumni are a potential source for providing internship and project assignments for the courses wherever and whenever applicable as it increase significantly the chances of landing on the dream job or career for the students.
- ✍ In any job one faces a lot of challenging and demanding situations. When shared with the students it boosts up the confidence of the students (fresher's) to embark upon such jobs.
- ✍ Thus, they can not only assist in providing jobs but also throw insights on how to handle the jobs based on their real life experiences which they encountered.
- ✍ They can deliver guest lecture on the modalities of corporate life from classrooms to boardrooms and from campus to corporate houses.
- ✍ Alumni usually have a network; could be formal or informal. These can be harnessed for optimum utilisation for placements and career planning

✍️ Alumni have the opportunity to absorb the students in their current organizations and also can refer for employment elsewhere. However this is applicable only for the private or entrepreneurship sectors. But in the case of government jobs, definitely they can assist them in preparing and guiding on how to strike/crack the selection process.

Wish You Good Luck and All the Best for a Successful Career!



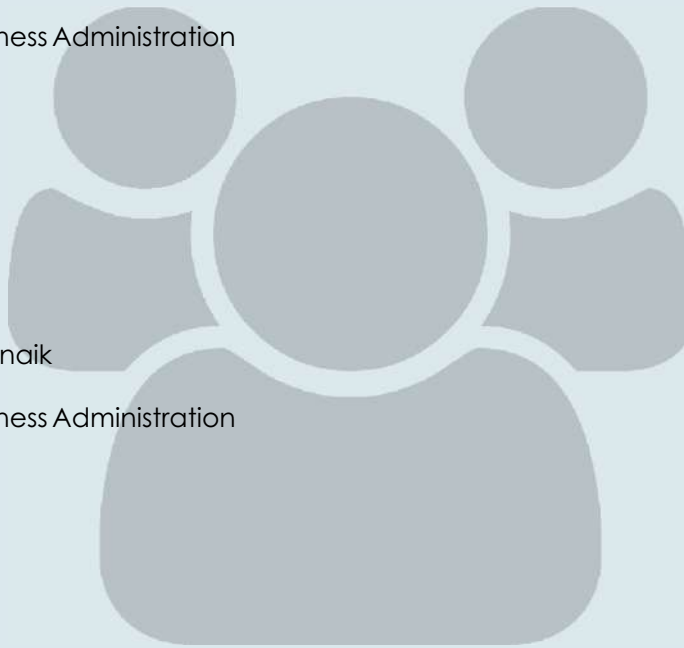
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“Alumni can play a key role in helping their alma mater prepare students for the workplaces of the future.

(Insights from Deloitte Summit)”



In Focus: Electronic Science Alumni Association of Berhampur University (ESAABU)

Berhampur University

Informally the Electronic Science Alumni Association of Berhampur University (ESAABU) was formed in 1993 after the pass out of the 1st batch M. Sc. students with the basic objective to unite the past and present students of the department and to extend the financial and moral support to the needy members of the association. However, the department formally established ESAABU in 2013 under the leadership of Prof. R. K. Mishra. Before the 1st alumni meet on 27.1.2013, a preparatory meeting was held on 5th and 19th January 2013. The 1st meeting was held in the conference hall of MBA building at 11.30 AM. Prof. Deepak Behera, Vice-Chancellor, BU inaugurated the meeting. Prof. B. C. Choudhury, Chairman, PG Council, and Prof T. Sahu delivered thoughtful lectures as the Chief Speaker and Guest of Honor respectively followed by the welcome address by Prof. R. K. Mishra, HoD. Dr. D. C. Panda the interim President of the Association expressed his views on the alumni. More than 80 alumni members participated in the meeting out of which Dr. G. K. Sahu (Senior Scientist, BARC), Dr. J. Patnaik, and P. K. Nanda (SDO, BSNL, Berhampur), Dr. T. Panigrahi (Associate Professor, NIT Goa), and Dr. P. K. Patra (Associate Professor, NIST, Berhampur) spoke on that occasion. The pre-lunch session of the alumni meet concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. N. Sahoo.

In the post lunch session the draft constitution and By-laws was placed before the general body for discussion and adoption. After discussion on different aspects of the constitution, the general body approved it. It was further resolved that the concerned authority will be requested to approved the constitution of the association. The office bearers

were Dr. D. C. Panda, President, Dr. J. Patnaik, Vice-President, Dr. S. Panda, Secretary, and Dr. G. S. Maharana, Treasurer.

The second general body meeting of the association was held on 9.11.2014 in the Senate Hall of Berhampur University at 11.15 AM. Before the general meeting, a webinar was organized at 9.00 AM in which Prof. A. Pattanaik, IIT Roorkee, and Dr. G. K. Patra were delivered very informative talk based on their expertise field. They also made some useful interaction with the students regarding the placement and career advancement. The annual function of ESABU-2014 was inaugurated by Prof. D. K. Behera, Vice-Chancellor; BU. Prof. T. Sahu was Chief Guest of the occasion. The other dignitaries on the dais were Prof. R. K. Mishra, Prof. S. K. Nayak, and Dr. D. C. Panda.

Prof. D. K. Behera, honorable vice-chancellor gave a valuable and inspired inaugural speech to the alumni participants and he requested the speaker Prof. A. Pattanik, and Dr. G. K. Patra to take necessary steps and guide the interested alumni members and current students. Prof. T. Sahu also expressed his thoughtful words for the betterment of the students and also requested them to interact with the alumni members to exchange their ideas. Other dignitaries and out of 70 alumni members few of them also expressed their views regarding different aspects which will enrich the association. The meeting was ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. N. Sahoo.

At the afternoon session, the alumni business was held and a group discussion was made regarding the development of ESAABU and its achievements

followed by the election of office bearers. However, at last but not the least, a cultural function was held which was organized by the M.Sc. and M. Tech students.

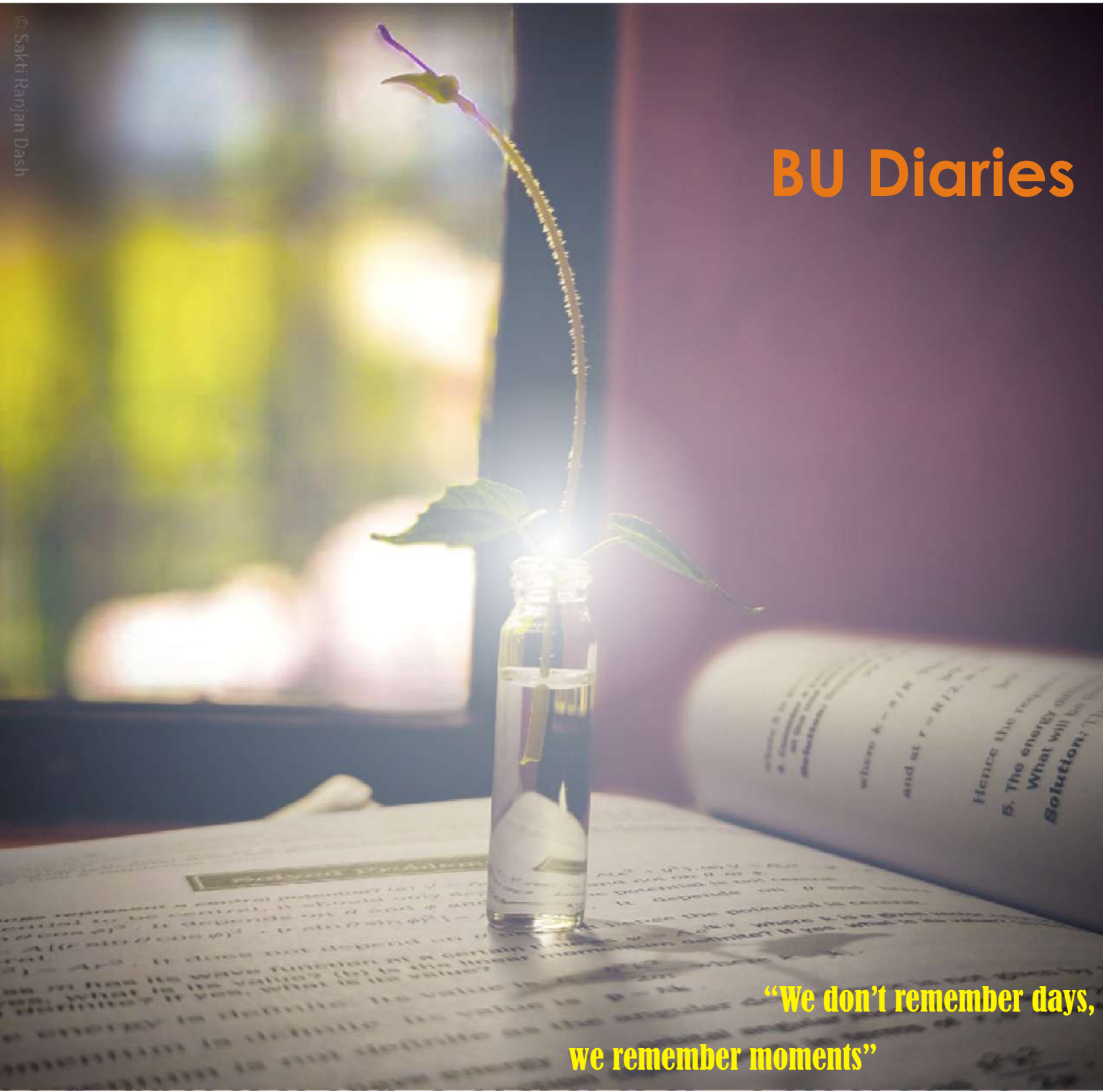
The next Executive Body meeting was held on 10.1.2015 in the Electronic Science department at 3.30 PM. Prof. R. K. Mishra chaired the session. Other office bearers were also present and resolved that Rs. 300 /- (Rs. Three Hundred) per outgoing students of the Department shall be collected at the time of taking original certificate for his/her membership towards the alumni. There are around 100 alumni members have registered in the association by depositing the requisite fees.

We are happy to inform you that based upon the above activities, the Draft By-Laws of the association was approved by the 3rd Syndicate Meeting of Berhampur University - 2015 held on 16.3.2015. The association will resume its activities once the current pandemic situation improves.



Secretary, ESAABU

BU Diaries



**“We don’t remember days,
we remember moments”**

Picture Courtesy: Sakti Ranjan Dash, Department of Commerce, BU

Quest for Excellence

Gouri Sankar Tripathi

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In the first General Body meeting of Alumni Association of Berhampur University held on 27th December, 2018, I talked on the theme “Quest for Excellence”. Now-a-days every important person is talking about excellence and the lack of it in India!! When universities are ranked at a global level, we do not occupy a place in the group of 200 best universities. During the last ninety years, we have produced only one Nobel Laureate in Science, C V Raman, working in the country. There are few others; but all of them mostly worked abroad. They are Hargovind Khoranna, Subramanyam Chandrasekhar, Amartya Sen and V. Ramakrishnan. C V Raman was working in Calcutta University when he received the Nobel Prize in 1930. That is why Calcutta University ranked high for some time in the ranking orders. In addition to Raman, there were a few other very distinguished people there in the first quarter of the twentieth century. They were Meghnad Saha, S. N. Bose, K. S. Krishnan, Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and even our own Odia scholar, Sri Neelakantha Dash. They were all appointed by Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee, the then Vice Chancellor of that University.

We do not figure in the best because our research is not competitive. In the meeting Honorable Vice Chancellor talked about numbers and criteria for excellent NAAC grading. These rankings are meaningful only within the country. Any university or institute that would produce a Nobel Laureate would automatically shoot up in the rankings. Our IITs, no doubt, produced remarkable students who have contributed excellently both in the country and the countries they preferred to live. But unfortunately, these institutes and other institutes of similar nature have failed to produce a Nobel Laureate.

The only criterion for excellence is research. “We are not excellent” means we lack in research. About forty years ago China was like us, or maybe little less than us. But today, China left us behind in many parameters that decide excellence. Perhaps we do not have the requisite zeal, enthusiasm and honesty for the pursuit of precision and accuracy that is required for excellence. We have substantial staff crunch. The few who are there are over-burdened by non-academic duties. Many of the teachers lack moral/mental strength to ascertain for academic freedom.

Before I conclude I wish to recall an anecdote which I heard from Late Prof. P. K. Kabir, a distinguished Particle Physicist, which I very often do. It was about the time when Dwight Eisenhower was the President of Columbia University, USA. One day Nobel Laureate Isador Rabi wanted to meet the President. When the latter saw Prof. Rabi, he said, “My doors are always open for the employees of the university”.

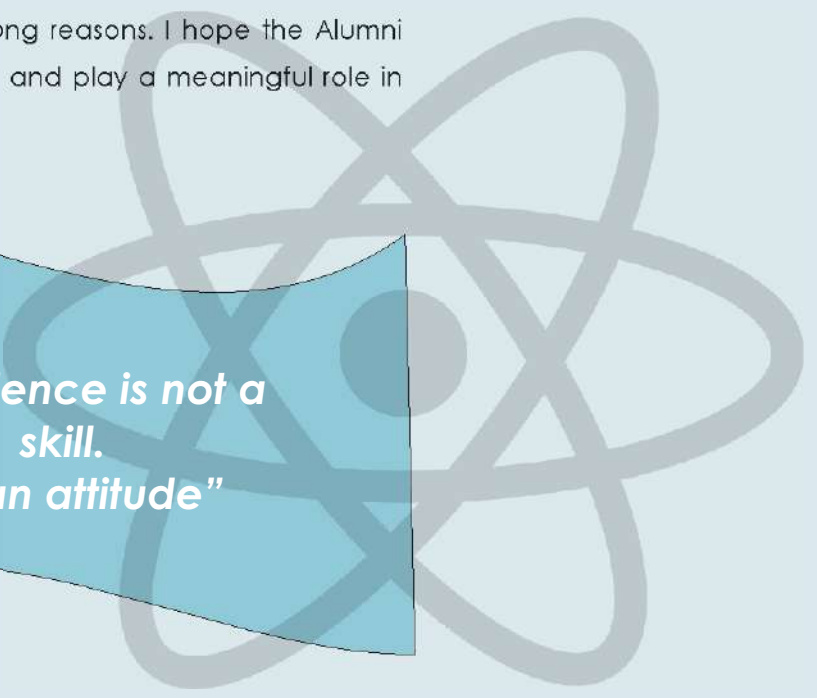
Our Alumni

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Promptly came the reply from Prof. Rabi. He said, "Mind your words, Mr. President. We are not employees of the university; WE ARE THE UNIVERSITY." Prof Rabi was one of the discoverers of NMR (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance). It is also being used now by the medical fraternity as MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). Doctors perhaps thought that the word "Nuclear" might scare the patients. Hence they deleted the affix, "Nuclear" and replaced it by the suffix, "Imaging". How many teachers here feel and behave that they are the University? Those who think so, they do it for wrong reasons. I hope the Alumni Association will grow and play a meaningful role in this quest. Thank You.



***"Excellence is not a
skill.
It is an attitude"***

My Hostel Life in Berhampur University: Some Reminiscences

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I was a boarder of Bansadhara hostel (Room no.47) from 1986 to 1989. Hostel life was the most exciting phase of my life during students' career in Berhampur University. On the first day of hostel, I was nervous. Hostel was the first step of my independent life. I came across almost every type of people there: an introvert, a bored, a sober, a jolly, an extreme extrovert, one who pokes his nose into other's business all the time, a perfectionist, a musician, an artist, an athlete, a writer, a poet, a singer, etc.. Here, life was a combination of different cultural backgrounds. For the first time, I learn to live with different cultural background people. Hostel life taught many lessons- self-dependence, self-reliance, and disciplined way of life. I can wake up at any time. I can sleep at anytime.

No water purifiers were there in the hostel. We simply used to collect water from the bath room and drinking directly without any purification. No mess was there. All the boarders were cooking inside their rooms with the electric heater. It had been a common practice since the establishment of the Hostels. It was heavy burden to the exchequer of the University. There was also every possibility of accident.

The then honorable Administrator of the University, M.Y. Rao was often visiting the hostels cladding a short pant, T-shirt and a stick in hand. He planned to start the mess in each hostel. Students were given responsibility. Benugopal Padhy of Parlakhemundi and I was in charge of the mess. In the evening we usually go to Berhampur for purchasing ration and vegetables for the mess. The mess was running smoothly. Taking daily attendance of the boarders and collecting mess fees was a difficult task. There were no trees or bushes around the hostel. At night we could hear the sound of the sea when it form the waves. Berhampur City was clearly observable from the roof. The City was only crowded up to MKCG Medical College, although there were ITI and Engineering School after that, but the adjacent areas were lonely.

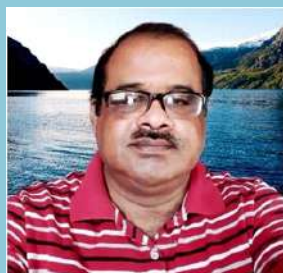


(No trees around the hostel)

Our Alumni

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The journey by road train was amazing. At the end of Kodasingi village there was a lime making factory. By burning sea shells lime was produced. The smell was so bad and unbearable to the students of road train. Gopalpur Junction was a lonely place.

Our hostel life during 1980s was a life without television, computer, internet, cell phone, android phone; smart phone etc. Television came to Hostel later on. DDI was the only channel. It was not a 24 hour programmed channel. The programmes were telecasted for few hours. Sunit Tandon, Avinash Kaur Sarin, Shammi Narang, Sarla Maheshwari, Neelam Sharma, Ved Prakash, Neethi Ravindran were the popular news readers. Binod Dua and Pranay Roy were popular election analysts. We were watching serials and movies. Malgudi days, Mungerilal ki Hasin Sapne, Wagle ki Dunia, Buniyad were popular TV serials. I was very fond of Guru Dutt and Raj Kapur's films.

Radio was my best friend in the hostel. Up to 1990 the ionosphere layer of the earth was so pollution free that radio broadcasting to distant places was possible. Even we could able to listen the All India Radio Najibabad, Ambikapur, Gorkhapur, Sambalpur, Bhagalpur, Bilashpur, Radio Nepal, (AIR Jeypore and Radio Dhaka in winter). Who can ever forget the Binaca Geet Mala (later Cibaca Geetmala and Colgate Cibaca Sangeetmala) anchored by one of the most celebrated presenter Amin Sayani (occasionally Manohar Mahajan) on every Wednesday night? Amin Sayani's popular dialogues are still reverberating in my ears. Bibidha Bharati Service was popularised to compete Radio Ceylon.



Who can ever forget the popular programmes of AIR, Cuttack? The most popular voice of Jharana Das in Naari Mahal, Manguli Bhai in Krushi Sansar, Goura Patnaik in Shishu Rajja Sankarshan Mangaraj (Ajir Anuchinta), Jatin Dash and Upendra Kumar Pahad Singh (News) were enthralling. Ball-to-ball running commentary of cricket Test matches was one of the most popular 'listening' programmes. The commentaries of Chakrapani, Devraj Puri, Berry Sarbadhikary, Maharajkumar of Vijaynagar (popularly known as Vizzy), and P. Anand Rau was very excited.

Radio Moscow was the international broadcasting station of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic. Radio Moscow was broadcasting in Odia from Moscow. It was the only station spreading Odia language, culture and news outside India. This was a pride for the people of Odisha. I had been regularly listening to Radio Moscow. As India was a good friend of USSR, the British Broad Casting Corporation, Voice of Germany were on one side and All India Radio, Radio Moscow were on other side. Irina of Russia was the announcer for Odia service. Her Odia pronunciation was very amazing. I was regularly listening to the programmes of Radio Moscow and corresponding with the Director. Till now some of the letters from Radio Moscow are with me. The letters were coming to me in my hostel address.



Berhampur University: Treasure of Indelible Memories

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Berhampur University has its own glorious history since its establishment. In recent decades, it emerges as forefront academic hub in southern Odisha and able to achieve all the aspiration and trust of students and people of Odisha, imparting moral education and training in many specialized subjects. Among them; Marine Sciences, Electronic Science, Defense Sciences, and others play a role model in glorifying the identity of University at large.

In way back of one and half decades, like others, I was fascinated to sail in the ocean as a Voyager/mariner. As a tiny boy, I had very sparse information on Marine Studies during these early carriers. After few years, I was overwhelmed after taking admission into the Department of Marine Sciences as my long awaited dream become true. After arrival at the department as a new entrant, senior were came forward to help us in many ways in applying hostels. During these days, getting a boardership at Rushikulya hostel is not that much easy due to its demand. Fortunately with sincere efforts of seniors, I admitted to Rushikulya hostel and stayed in Room no- 11 as a provisional basis. The tradition of ceremonial welcome to new boarders was really a golden and marvelous moments in my life.

After few days of residence at hostel, life begins to transform in all fronts. The Rushikulya hostel is not less equal to heaven due to its comfort architecture and single room facility. As University campus located proximity to sea, the sea breeze at evening time is really awesome and fills the energy level of students. Some services of hostel can't be erased from the heart and life as it holds the brotherhood among the seniors/juniors in a balanced approach. The quiet environment within the hostel premises helps students a lot in maneuvering their career goal. Among many seasons, taste of winter nights is different. The sounds of early trains start the days with great spirits as it act as an alarm to many boarders and make them productive. The restless service of "PURUSA", the Milkman is unforgettable for his uninterruptedly services. Sweat experiences with senior brothers Krupasindu Bhai, Bhatta Bhai, Bishnu Bhai, Uma kanta Bhai, Sima Bhai are always a source of inspiration and memorable in my life. The experience of air-strip during late evening is always mind blowing and makes every discussion productive. The real life in hostel starts after 9 pm when all students gathers at common room and start viewing and playing many entertainment channel and games. The memorable moment at common room is "any channel can't be seen for more than 5-10 minutes". Due to such practices, normal evening ends generally at late night around 2 am and morning starts from 4 am for some boarders. Looking such beautiful lifestyles, it was realized that Rushikulya hostel never sleeps in day and night. Hostel always stands with welfare of its boarders in all the way providing its aesthetic environment. As winter evening adds essence to

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University campus, so I used to visit other Hostel to interact with some of my good friends (Jajati, Kamal, Narayan, & Pratap). On the ways to Nagabali & Indrabati hostel, the scenery was very beautiful because of frequent visit of nocturnal animals (Rabbits) into the hostel garden. During the days (2006-2008), I had a very sweet and pleasant experience with all my beloved boarders of Rushikulya and other hostels.

Despite above instances, most memorable moment was Cyclone PHAILIN and its successive nights with boarders. Each night is unforgettable as it taught lessons how to deal the situation especially in a hostile circumstance. The severity of cyclone not only devastated the life and beauty of University, rather it strengthens relationship among boarders, which helps us in maintaining the peace, prosperity and stability among the students during later days. The friendly attitude of senior brother Dr. Prafulla Bhai (commerce) & Mr. Chetak Bhai (OAS) is a great kind of services during these days. The proactive measure of University in restoring the life and environment was a commendable job.

The Ph.D. scholars were the most privileged fellows in University campus. We enjoyed all the services of University due to lovable attitudes of successive Vice-Chancellors. Felt proud when University administration given its accent in forming an association in the name of all the scholars of University. Unanimously, the name was decided as "Berhampur University Research Scholar Association, (BURSA). Realizing the satisfactory performance and needs of its association, University provided a space for healthy discussion of scholar, which is a remarkable achievement not only for me but also for all scholars. Above all, the affection and caring of Professor (Dr.) Pratap Kumar Mohanty shall be a golden memory in my life.

Among many attraction points, Anand Market is one and only place which gained huge attention of students and scholars due to its aromatic flavors. The name alone is self explanatory, why all the groups of people come here and spend some moments. Like others, we were some group of scholars, at least meet one/two times a day at Narsigha Bhai Tea stall to make chat on diverse fronts. Friends and juniors like Sanjiba, Biraj, Narayan, and other lab mates are always a key components of novel discussion. During these days, going for movies and taking dinner at highway side Dhabas was sweat experience. Movies like "Life of PI" and "Super 30" with Biraj, Sanjiba & Narayan was very special.

Among many festivals, holi celebration with closed friends is special in life. We usually go to our beloved teachers to make them colorful with all our loves and respect to them. After receiving their divine blessing, colorful holi starts at Rushikulya hostel and procession heads towards many directions without forgetting to connect the Ladies hostel. Finally, celebration of holi takes its peak stage at Gopalpur beach. The sea become colorful and all friends take the love of ocean. Spending for two hours, all returns to our homely hostel to have grand lunch program. The delicious food prepared by friends adds flavors to each bite. Being staying in remote location at Chennai, I am still able to feel the days of lost happiness at University campus and it's surrounding.

My life became colorful and meaningful while she entered to my life and occupied a space forever at Berhampur University. Those days are seems like yesterday. Our love and respect towards each other gifted us a coupled life. Her source of inspirational attitude always provided a path to cross the hurdles and achieve the success in all the way.

Realizing our needs to each other, we got engaged and wedded during 2019, for which, I always bend before unseen force of Berhampur University as it provided education, life and livelihood. SOUBHAGYA...You will always be in my heart till my last breathe. **Your memory is as equivalent to as Berhampur University and it will be a treasure of indelible golden memory in my life forever.** I shall make my best effort to provide moral education to our daughter "Sai Sradha" to feel our golden memory at University days. Be rest in peace....till our next meet.



"Memories are timeless treasures of the heart"

A photograph of two screws on a reflective surface against a black background. One screw is standing upright, and the other is lying horizontally. Both are reflected in the surface below them.

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**“You have to stay positive even if your
surroundings don’t allow you”**

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Student's Corner



**“Paint Your Own
Canvas of Life”**

Student's Corner

I joined Berhampur University just four months ago and this place has already become a very important part of my life. The professors, students and the people of this university to whom I am interacting are helping me in the process of becoming the better version of me.

One of the most important things I would like to talk about is the classes of our Biotechnology Department. Each and every one of them are fun, the best and most interesting part in them being the interaction and discussions with our professors about the subject. All of our professors are very friendly with us. Our lab has all of the equipments necessary for our experiments and am really enjoying all the practical classes which are the main part of our course.

If I talk about the infrastructure of our university, the more I talk the less it is. I went on a university tour with my friends and I was astonished to see the huge area it is covering. Our department is well furnished with all the necessary equipments for having a very pleasant educational atmosphere.

In such a short time, I have made a lot of good and interesting memories here. I am sure going to miss the university life very much.



Balakrishna Gopi Dalai
1st Year
M.Sc. Biotechnology
Berhampur University

It is said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". And proudly I can say Berhampur University is the perfect Ammunition for hundreds and thousands of students like me who cultivate a desire for a change in the society by rebelling against the evils of the same, in search of a brighter tomorrow. Two of the spectacular features which make the University unique and unmatched are, the excellent geological location of it which is only five kilometres away from the Gopalpur Sea beach and is far away from the rush and traffic of The Berhampur city. Thus making it one of the courteous place to obtain knowledge in peace. The other feature for which the institute is famous for is that it is remarkable for imparting superior education through a proficient faculty that spans of world-class academics. Luckily I was able to pick up a seat for myself in The Department of English, Berhampur University in August 2019 where I got a chance to learn under the best professors I could ever come across, where I've had so many incredible experience and met great people, where I learnt a lot not only about the places and people around me but about myself, where I learnt a lot of lessons of life and it's various stages. I can proudly say that the two years spent in Berhampur University are the two best years of my life.



Chinmaya Mania
2nd Year
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Berhampur University, one of the pioneer institution of Odisha, which was established to develop and prosper the young intellectual minds of South Odisha and the youths of Ganjam district as well as the rich art and culture of the great Ghumusara dynasty.

I being new to the academic environment of University, had a good experience of this colourfully green ambience of Berhampur University. The best part is, I joined the university's one of the pioneer department i.e. IR&PM Department which is equipped with all kinds of amenities and facilities which are essential to instil the knowledge into young minds of us. The department of IR&PM was established in the year 1967 and the unique distinction of the university besides being first of its kind in the state of Odisha. The department has fully-furnished computer laboratory with audio-visual aids. Av aids are used during seminars, conferences, and special classes of the department. The alumni association of the department is a rich asset of the university. The alumni association serves as a strong network for both the students and faculty members of the department.

The teachers are so knowledgeable, co-operative, amiable and dedicated to the all round development of the students. They are really the backbone of our department. A friendly relationship is there between students and teachers which makes our life easy.



Kumari Rich
2nd Year
M.A. IR&PM
Berhampur University

Prosperity flows through good education; we surely believe that with the quality of education and experience, we get to learn from our university. With wide variety of flora all around gives a beautiful green blush to the campus. Endless means of learning, through two huge libraries along with free career building classes for UPSC and NET are evergreen in campus. Student growth is hyped up with international conferences, seminars organised by the departments. They are also encouraged in co-curricular activities. The department of Economics has lately accomplished its 50th golden jubilee anniversary in its full glory. The faculties have always been highly motivating, friendly and supportive. As students, we got the opportunity to bloom ourselves under their constant guidance. In the period of Covid-19 e-learning became prominent. Except the physical presence in classes which was mostly lacking on online mode, rest every activity has been smoothly taken over by our professor's. I am always grateful for the exposure in learning that our department has provided. I will miss my days of Berhampur University, the evening airstrip walks, the celebration at Gopalpur beach after completion of examinations and many more.



R. Sandhya
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Sradhanjali



**“The Soul of Man is
immortal and imperishable”**

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