

AAJ newsletter

NEWSLETTER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) is a non-profit society, established under the Statute 34 (I) of JNU Act, 1966. The aim and objectives of AAJ are to foster close bonds among JNU alumni across the globe as also between the JNU alumni and the University; to honour distinguished JNU alumni who have excelled and contributed in their respective spheres, and to have 'Chapters of the Association' within and outside India for furtherance of the AAJ objectives. AAJ upholds the democratic and inclusive traditions of JNU and strives for their promotion through various AAJ activities, annual and periodic lectures/ seminars/ symposia centered around themes that deepen understanding and appreciation of the values enshrined in the Preamble of the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

AAJ NEWSLETTER welcomes various achievements / activities / news from JNU alumni across the globe.
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AAJ Events 2016

AAJ Economists' Meet

Saturday, Jul 30, 2016, 2.30 pm
At AAJ Office Committee Room

AAJ Scientists' Meet

Sunday, Jul 31, 2016, 2.30 pm
At Lecture Hall-1, JNU Convention Centre

AAJ Writers' Meet

Sunday, Nov 27, 2016, 09.30 am
JNU Convention Centre

AAJ Annual Meet 2016

Last Sunday of Every November
(GBM, 4th AAJ JNU Alumni Annual Lecture, Cultural Prog. & Contributory Dinner)
Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016, 2.30 pm
JNU Convention Centre



AAJ is part of our university

An interview with Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Patron, AAJ & Vice Chancellor, JNU by Dr Ganpat Teli

As you come from IIT which is well known for maintaining a strong bond with its alumni, what, according to you, should be the nature of relationship between JNU and its alumni?

I think our links here with alumni are not as strong as they need to be. Although students live here for 7-8 years or more for their studies, somehow we are not able to build a strong relationship with them. One of reasons for this could be that we don't have a good placement cell here. Our responsibility as a university doesn't end by just teaching them and training them, it also includes making sure that they are well settled in their life. To make sure that our students get jobs even before they pass out from JNU, we need to work with employers and the students. This one link is missing and to overcome this, JNU is working on strengthening the placement cell. The other thing we need to do is to

AAJ welcomes its new patron, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar and bids farewell to Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory

AAJ welcomed its new patron, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar and bid farewell to the outgoing patron Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory on April 29, 2016. Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra (Rector, JNU), Prof. Devendra Choubey (President, AAJ), Prof. K. P. Vijayalakshmi (Chief Advisor, Alumni Affairs, JNU), Prof. R. P. Singh (Dean, JNU), Dr. Pranav Kumar (General Secretary, AAJ), Prof. Meeta Narain (Joint Secretary, AAJ), Dr. M. M. Kunju (Treasurer, AAJ), Dr. Praveen K Verma, Prof. Rakesh K Tyagi, T. Ranganath, Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin, Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad Aahan, Dr. Srinivas Rao, Prof. Niranjan Chakraborty, Dr. Amita Joshi, Dr. Sandesha Rayapa & Dr. Ganpat Tel and other alumni were present.



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identify our alumni, who have started industries because a good industrial collaboration is important for the university to grow. The research that we do at the university should add value to the society and that is possible only if our research is put to application. A stronger collaboration with the industry is one way of converting our research into practice. For example, clean drinking water is a major issue across the country and we have the research capabilities to develop low cost technologies for this. The other one, I think, is that we need to have more frequent interaction with alumni. The alumni should know how the university is developing newer areas of research and educational programmes. What's more, they should also be involved in curriculum development because sometimes people staying outside the university system are able to provide us inputs which we otherwise would not have thought about. So, a stronger involvement of the alumni in curriculum revision is essential.

What are your observations about the relationship between JNU and its Alumni Association?

Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) is a part of our University. We have given them space and other facilities to function. Some of our faculty members are actively involved with this. AAJ President is also member of JNU court. We are planning to institute the Distinguished Alumni Awards. Our University may take inputs from the Alumni Association in nominating outstanding alumni and do it. We have recently formed a committee to evolve the modalities on how to select the distinguished alumni awardees. We will give this award on one of the important days of the university, may be its Foundation Day or some other important occasion. This is another way of keeping our links alive with our alumni. Alumni should also feel that the University recognises their contributions to the society.

What role should JNU alumni play in the larger society?

They are of course the ambassadors of JNU. When they start working in the society, they are not only doing so for the society but also letting the society know how JNU has contributed to building their personalities, in educating them, and making them truly skillful and knowledgeable.

3rd AAJ GBM (2015): A Recap

The 3rd AAJ-GBM was held on Nov. 29, 2015 at JNU Convention Centre. Chaired by AAJ President Prof. Devendra Choubey. AAJ General Secretary Dr. Pranav Kumar presented the Annual Report-2015 and Treasurer Dr. M. M. Kunju presented a report on its financial status.



3rd JNU Alumni Annual Lecture 2015

साहित्य लोगों को सहिष्णु बनाता है – उदय प्रकाश, चर्चित लेखक

साहित्य सिर्फ कहानी नहीं कहता है, वह लोगों को सहिष्णु और संवेदनशील बनाता है। हो सकता है कि सहिष्णु बनाने की यह प्रक्रिया बहुत ही छोटे स्तर पर हो। ये विचार चर्चित लेखक उदय प्रकाश ने व्यक्त किए। वे जवाहरलाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन का तीसरा सालाना व्याख्यान दे रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा कि साहित्य अपने समय की अर्थव्यवस्था भी समझाता है। उपन्यास

की अवधारणा पर बात करते हुए उदय प्रकाश ने कहा कि यूरोप में भले ही उपन्यास की अवधारणा मध्यवर्ग से जुड़ी हुई हो लेकिन एशियाई देशों में यह किसानों की अर्थव्यवस्था को अभिव्यक्त करने वाली विधा है। अपने व्याख्यान में उन्होंने वर्तमान समय में लेखक की असुरक्षा के प्रसंग पर कहा कि आज हमारी भाषा में लेखक का हिस्सा कम हो गया है। यह चिन्ताजनक स्थिति है और इसी के कारण समाज में लेखक के हालात पर कोई खास ध्यान नहीं दिया जाता है। अपने जेएनयू के दिनों को याद करते हुए उन्होंने यहाँ की अंतरानुशासनात्मक अध्ययन की प्रशंसा की। एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष देवेन्द्र चौबे ने कहा कि उदय प्रकाश कहानी कहने की शैली में तो अनूठे हैं ही, लेकिन उनके कथा संसार की संवेदना इतनी व्यापक है कि समाज का कोई तबका अछूता नहीं रहता। उन्होंने एसोसिएशन की गतिविधियों का परिचय भी दिया। एसोसिएशन के उपाध्यक्ष राजेश कुमार ने धन्यावाद ज्ञापित करते हुए उदय प्रकाश के साहित्य की प्रासंगिता बताई। व्याख्यान के बाद हुई परिचर्चा में मणिन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर, दुर्गाप्रसाद गुप्त, अखलाक आहन, उदय शंकर, संजय कुमार झा, अनीसउर रहमान, मीनाक्षी, जैनेन्द्र कुमार, मनोज कुमार सिन्हा, वेद मित्र, सहित कई लोगों ने भाग लिया।



AAJ-EC Gujarat, Daman & Diu Chapter (2016-18)

In the presence of AAJ president Prof. Devendra Choubey, JNU alumni nominated the following for 1st AAJ-EC Gujarat, Daman & Diu Chapter (2016-18) on Jan 9, 2016 at Rajkot: Binod K. Singh (President), Dr. Jaya Prakash Pradhan (Vice President), Dr. Umesh C S Yadav (General Secretary), Dr. Nisha Sengar (Joint Secretary), Dr. Sanjay K Jha (Treasurer), Mohan Jha (Member), Dr. Kishore Jose (Member), Dr. Gopalji Gopal (Member), Dr. Dhananjay Rai (Member), Dr. Saurabh Sharma (Member), Namrata Kilpady Mishra (Member). Email: yadav.umesh@gmail.com; Mobile: 09871009449 & 09099914885

AAJ-EC Bihar Chapter (2016-18)

In the presence of AAJ president Prof. Devendra Choubey, JNU alumni nominated the following for 1st AAJ-EC Bihar Chapter (2016-18) on July 11, 2016 at Patna: Prof. Raghunandan Sharma (President), Mukesh Kumar Sinha (Vice President), Dr. Sanjay K. Pandey (General Secretary), Dr. Ashutosh Kumar (Joint Secretary), Amresh Kumar (Treasurer), Prof. Arvind K Agrawal (Member), Kishore Jaiswal (Member), Anjani Kumar Singh (Member), Dr. A. P. Singh (Member), Dr. Priya Ranjan (Member), Tanveer Akhtar (Member). Email: pandeysanjayk@gmail.com; Mobile: 09431080966 & 08986215925.

AAJ Guest House Committee

In addition to previous members, the new composition (as approved by the AAJ-EC on April 12, 2016 and July 15, 2016) of the AAJ Guest House Committee with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre is as follows: 1) Chairperson (AAJ President), 2) Member Secretary (AAJ General Secretary), 3) Treasurer (AAJ Treasurer), 4) Three members (AAJ Lifetime Members) nominated by AAJ-EC, 4. Registrar, JNU or his/her nominee, 5) Finance Officer, JNU or his/her nominee, 6) PRO, JNU, 7) Librarian, Central Library, JNU & 8) Incharge, Engineering Dept., JNU or his/her nominee.

AAJ Corpus Fund Committee

The AAJ-GBM 2015 constituted the 'AAJ Corpus Fund Committee' to take care of the funds generated/to be generated in the corpus fund. Its composition is as follows: 1) Chairperson (AAJ President), 2) Member Secretary (AAJ General Secretary), 3) Treasurer (AAJ Treasurer), 4) Two members (AAJ Lifetime Members) nominated by AAJ-EC, 5) Registrar, JNU or his/her nominee, 6) Finance Officer, JNU or his/her nominee.

As decided in its meeting on April 12, 2016, the AAJ Corpus Fund Committee opened a separate account (Current A/C No. 35807095250, State Bank of India, JNU, New Delhi-110 067; IFSC Code: SBIN 0010441) with an initial deposit of Rs 1,00,000 (Rs One Lac Only), and urged all JNU alumni to contribute generously towards the Corpus Fund to enable AAJ-EC to realise its goal to establish **AAJ Guest House with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre** and carry out its various welfare activities.

AAJ Publication Cell

The AAJ-EC constituted the core members of 'AAJ Publication Cell' for three years to take care of the AAJ publication issues on April 12, 2016: 1) Prof. Meeta Narain (Convener), 2) Dr. Ved Mitra (Co-convener), 3) Sunil Sudhakar (Member), 4) Dr. Pranav Kumar (Member), 5) Dr. Suryanandini (Member).

AAJ Media & Public Relations Cell

The AAJ-EC constituted the core members of 'AAJ Media & Public Relations Cell' for three years to take care of the all issues relating to AAJ media and public relations on April 12, 2016: 1) Rajesh Kumar (Convener), 2) Kumar Kaustubh (Co-convener, Media Cell), 3) Dr. Sandesha Rayapa (Co-convener, Public Relations Cell), 4) Nadeem Ahmad Kazami (Member), 5) Mr. Suryanath Singh (Member), 6) Subodh Gidhiyal (Member), 7) Prof. Chandra Kant Prasad Singh (Member), 8) Sujata Dutta Sachdeva (Member), 9) B. K. Jha (Member), 10) Poonam S. Kudaisya (Special Invitee).

AAJ India Policy Research Cell

The AAJ-EC constituted the core members of 'AAJ India Policy Research Cell' for three years to take care of all issues relating to the policy research on July 15, 2016: 1) Prof. Anisur Rahman (Convener), 2) Dr. Aarati Srivastva (Co-convener), 3) Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra (Member) 4) Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma (Member), 5) Dr. Jamal M. Moosa (Member).

AAJ Annual Events 2015

The 2-day Annual Events (Nov. 28-29, 2015) began with the meet of **AAJ Media Persons Meet** and release of **AAJ Newsletter** (November 2015) in the Committee Hall of JNU Convention Centre. Besides Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, VC, JNU, AAJ president Prof. Devendra Choubey, Vice President Rajesh Kumar, Secretary Dr. Pranav Kumar, Joint Secretary Dr. Meeta



Narain, Dr. M. M. Kunju, Devi Prasad Tripathi, a JNU alumnus & Rajya Sabha MP, Udit Raj, a JNU alumnus & Lok Sabha MP, Prof. Talat Ahmad, VC, JMI, Dilip Mandal, a veteran journalist and Nadeem Ahmad Kazmi, an eminent journalist from NDTV released **AAJ Newsletter's** inaugural issue amidst thunderous applause from alumni.

After AAJ-GBM on Nov 29, 2016, the 3rd JNU Alumni Annual Lecture was delivered by noted writer Uday Prakash followed by a cultural programme by children of JNU alumni and Kavi Sammelan and Mushaira.

AAJ Talk Series: A Continuum

Jan 22, 2016: Poet & writer Akhlaq Ahmad 'Aahan' shared his creative experiences. Other discussants included social scientist Manindra Nath Thakur, cultural activist Sohail Hashmi, writer Devendra Choubey, poet Shafi Ayyub and scholar Ganpat Teli.

Feb 5, 2016: A well known science scholar Dr. Vikas Rai made some interesting observations where Devendra Choubey, Rajesh Kumar, Praveen K Verma and Pranav Kumar participated actively and made it lively.

Alumni Achievements

Prof. Yogesh Tyagi took over as Vice Chancellor, Delhi University; Prof. Arvind K Agrawal appointed Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar; Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra appointed Rector, JNU; Dr. Pramod Kumar appointed Registrar, JNU; Amitabh Kant took over as CEO, NITI Aayog; and Varun Sahni named Vice Chancellor, Goa University.

President's Award for excellence in research confirmed to a Molecular Parasitology group which included Prof. Alok Bhattacharya and Prof. Suman Dhar.

Dr. Akhlaq Aahan received '**Allama Iqbal Award**' for Literature by ECO, Tehran, Iran; Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra got the prestigious '**Laadli Media Award**' for writing on gender sensitivity.

AAJ Chapters (National)

Himachal Pradesh: Prof. Chetan Singh, Convener (M: 09418047342), Dr. Chandrkant Pd Singh, Co-convener (M: 09805792455), Dr. Reena Chandel, Co-convener (M: 09459004985); **Haryana:** Dr. Arvind Singh Tezawat, Convener (M: 09991477790); **Mumbai:** Anurag Chaturvedi, Convener (M: 09821004824); **Rajasthan:** Prof. Ravi Srivastava, Convener (M: 09829059126), Prof. S. L. Sharma, Co-convener (M: 09828072037); **Tamil Nadu:** Dr. Madhulikaben Patel, Convener (M: 09899131042).

AAJ Chapters (International)

Australia: Ashok Kumar, Convener (editor@thetimes.com; M: +61405066161); **Denmark:** Dr. Vivek Kumar Shukla, Convener (vivekshukla@cas.au.dk; M: +4650300698); **China:** Pu Bai Lu, Convener (xsfengxing2009@126.com), Wang Li, Co-convener (wangle-sepco@hotmail.com).



AAJ calls for saving JNU culture

AAJ-EC (Central) and its Gujarat, Daman & Diu Chapter unequivocally perceived the February incident as an effort to malign the image of country's premier academic and research institution and issued a press release stating "JNU since its inception has emerged as an institution which truly captures India's cultural ethos of unity in diversity, catering to students from length and breadth of the country notwithstanding their language, religion and faith allegiance...living in complete harmony aimed at fostering brotherhood and inculcating tolerance" and urged all stake-holders, including our present and past students, teaching community, JNU well-wishers, to uphold the prestige and dignity of their alma mater and its academic freedom, culture and ethos and contribute generously to the well-being of JNU.



Alumni Publications

Hamare Samay Ka Sahitya, Ed. Devendra Choubey, Prakashan Sansthan, Delhi ISBN: 978-81-7714-515-1, 2016

Amir Khusraw's India, Akhlaq Aahan, Ravi Kumar Publisher, Paris ISBN: 978-88-73305-78, 2014

Sochney Pe Pahra Hai, Akhlaq Aahan, Nai Kitab Publication, New Delhi ISBN: 978-93-82821-58-8, 2014

AAJ Lifetime Members

90) Swarabji B; 91) Shakti Prakash; 92) K Natrajan; 93) Meenakshi; 94) Vinayak Azaad; 95) Shipra Ghosh; 96) Joyee Ghosh; 97) Sudha Pai; 98) Saral Ganguly; 99) Mohd. Ashraf Dar; 100) Devina Auchoybur; 101) Sabiruddin; 102) Vikas Rai; 103) Divya Mishra; 104) Arun K. Sharma; 105) Anjani K Das; 106) Sandesha Rayapa; 107) Kandarapa Das; 108) Kumar Dhananjay; 109) Ajay Kumar; 110) Etee Bahadur; 111) Sony Kunjappan; 112) Ravi Bhola; 113) Saumya Dey; 114) Sagar Banerjee; 115) Kamlesh; 116) Shabana Roze Chowdhury; 117) Wang Li; 118) Syed Mubin Zehra; 119) R. Suresh Kumar; 120) Varghese N. V; 121) Aarati Srivastva; 122) Sumit Singh; 123) Vishwamitra Singh; 124) Vivek Kumar Shukla; 125) Priya Ranjan; 126) Surendra Kumar Yadav; 127) Sanjay Kumar.

Alumni Visits to AAJ Office

Many of our alumni while visiting JNU campus made it a point to see the **AAJ Office @ 101, JNU Convention Centre, JNU** and expressed their pleasure. Prominent visitors include Arun Dev Gautam (Home Secretary, Chhattisgarh), Pu Bai Lu (China), Anuj (writer, India), Dr. Vivek Shukla (Denmark).

AAJ Membership

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GLIMPSES OF AAJ ANNUAL MEET, 2015



ALUMNUS INTERVIEW



देश के विकास में जेएनयू का बहुत बड़ा योगदान है

जेएनयू एल्युमनी और जामिया के कुलपति प्रो. तलत अहमद से डॉ. गणपत तेली की बातचीत

जेएनयू एल्युमनी के रूप में आज आपके लिए जेएनयू का क्या महत्त्व है?

जेएनयू एक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण संस्थान है। इसलिए जेएनयू पर वर्तमान संकट के संदर्भ में हम लोगों को जेएनयू की अच्छी बातें सामने लानी चाहिए। हमें लोगों को बताना चाहिए कि इसे टॉप नेशनल रैंकिंग मिली है और नैक (NAAC) ने इसे अच्छा ग्रेड दिया है। इससे यह समझ में आता है कि अभी जेएनयू के बारे में जो कुछ कहा जा रहा है, वह सब सतही और क्षणिक है। वास्तव में, जेएनयू का योगदान दीर्घजीवी एवं दूरगामी है और रहेगा। हम सभी एल्युमनी को मिलकर इस बात को प्रसारित करना होगा। मैंने अपने साक्षात्कारों में यह बोला है। यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण काम है।

जेएनयू के एल्युमनी की समाज में क्या भूमिका होनी चाहिए?

जेएनयू के बहुत सारे ऐसे पुराने विद्यार्थी हैं, जिन्होंने अपने-अपने क्षेत्र में नाम कमाया है और बहुत अच्छा काम कर रहे हैं। बहुत सारे लोग कुलपति हैं, बड़े अधिकारी हैं। हम सब अपने स्तर पर जेएनयू के मूल्यों के लिए काम करें और यहाँ की अच्छी बातें लोगों को बताएँ, लेख लिखें, चर्चा करें ताकि यह बताया जा सके कि देश के विकास में जेएनयू का बहुत बड़ा योगदान रहा है और आने वाले दिनों में यह कम नहीं होगा। साथ में, यह भी कोशिश होनी चाहिए कि जो लोग इस स्थिति में हैं कि सरकार के साथ बात कर सकते हैं, वे सरकार से बात करें कि जेएनयू को पूरा सहयोग दिया जाए और जो गलतफहमियाँ हैं, उन्हें भी दूर किया जाए। हमें जेएनयू के विद्यार्थियों और शिक्षकों के साथ मिलकर इस पर बात करनी चाहिए कि समाज में जेएनयू की जो खराब छवि पेश की जा रही है, उसे कैसे ठीक किया जाय। अभी इसकी जरूरत है।

जेएनयू के एल्युमनी और एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन से आप क्या अपेक्षा रखते हैं?

मेरी अपेक्षा है कि जहाँ हम काम करते हैं या जाते हैं, वहाँ हमें जेएनयू के बारे में, जेएनयू के योगदान और जेएनयू की संस्कृति व पहचान के बारे में बोलना चाहिए। जेएनयू बहुत कम ऐसे संस्थानों में शामिल है, जो शोध-विश्वविद्यालय के रूप में सफल हुए। यह नैक (NAAC) और सरकारी ग्रेड में आए उच्च स्थान से स्पष्ट पता चलता है। आप भारत में या विदेश में—कहीं भी बड़ी प्रयोगशालाओं में चले जाइए, वहाँ आपको उत्कृष्ट काम करते हुए जेएनयू के एल्युमनी मिल जाएंगे। यह स्थिति सभी क्षेत्रों में है। इसलिए हम सबको मिलकर जेएनयू की छवि सुरक्षित रखने का प्रयास करना चाहिए। मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि आने वाले दिनों में जेएनयू पर छाया संकट खत्म होगा, जेएनयू का जो नाम पहले से है, वह बरकरार रहेगा और जेएनयू की तरफ लोगों की निगाहें सम्मान से उठती रहेंगी।

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AAJ newsletter

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Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) is a non-profit society, established under the Statue 34 (I) of JNU Act, 1966. The aim and objectives of AAJ are to foster close bonds among JNU alumni across the globe as also between the JNU alumni and the University; to honour distinguished JNU alumni who have excelled and contributed in their respective spheres, and to have 'Chapters of the Association' within and outside India for furtherance of the AAJ objectives. AAJ upholds the democratic and inclusive traditions of JNU and strives for their promotion through various AAJ activities, annual and periodic lectures/seminars/symposia centered around themes that deepen understanding and appreciation of the values enshrined in the Preamble of the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

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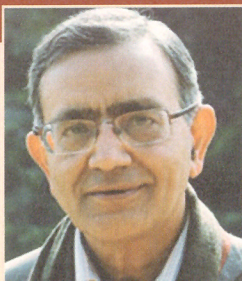
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AAJ's Proposed Forthcoming Events (2015-16)

Media Persons' Meet, Parliamentary Members' Meet, Bureaucrats' Meet, Academicians' Meet, Writers' Meet, Scientists' Meet, Social Activists' Meet, Social Scientists' Meet, Environmentalists' Meet.

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JNU recognises its alumni as important stakeholders in its continued quest for excellence in education

Professor Sudhir K. Sopory, Vice Chancellor, JNU & Patron, AAJ

I am happy to learn that the Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) is launching its first newsletter on the occasion of Annual Meet this November.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that AAJ is putting its best efforts to promote better links between JNU and its alumni who have ventured into various fields and excelled as scientists, civil servants, literary critics, media experts, language experts, journalists, political leaders, social activists, technocrats, managers and entrepreneurs over the last 40 years and more. To further develop and promote the linkage between AAJ and University, JNU has also an Alumni Affairs cell.

AAJ aims to foster stronger relations among its alumni and others connected with the University. JNU recognizes its alumni as important stakeholders in its continued quest for excellence in education. It realises the enormous benefits that can come from the engagement and support of its alumni who have considerable expertise in many areas and can help identify strategic directions for JNU in the years ahead.

I send my good wishes for the success of AAJ and appreciate the efforts undertaken by the AAJ members.

AAJ's 1st EC (2012-13)

The first elections for the Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) were held on Sep 15, 2012 in accordance with the Constitution passed by the JNU Executive Council. Following members were elected for the AAJ's 1st Executive Committee: Prof. Ramadhikari Kumar (President); T. Ranganath (Vice President); Dr. Devendra Kumar Choubey (General Secretary); Dr. Rakesh K Tyagi (Joint Secretary); Dr. M. M. Kunju (Treasurer); Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin (Member); Sandeep Mahapatra (Member); Dr. Qaiser Shamim (Member); Dr. Nishant K Ranjan (Member); Dr. J. C. Batra (Member).



As per the AAJ Constitution, Prof. G. J. V. Prasad was ex-officio member of AAJ EC. Later, the AAJ-GBM on Dec 8, 2013 unanimously nominated Sohail Hashmi and Rajesh Kumar as new AAJ-EC members.

AAJ's 2nd EC (2014-16)

The three-member AAJ Election Committee comprising Dr V G Hegde (Convener), Uday Shankar and Kishore Jaiswal announced following members elected on Feb 23, 2015 for the AAJ's 2nd Executive Committee: Prof. Devendra Kumar Choubey (President), Rajesh Kumar (Vice President), Pranav Kumar (General Secretary), Prof. Meeta Narain (Joint Secretary), Dr M M Kunju (Treasurer), Prof. D. K. Lobiyal (Member), Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma (Member), Dr. Ganpat Teli (Member), Dr. Anisur Rahman (Member), Sanjay Kumar Jha (Member) and T. Ranganath (Member).

AAJ-GBM adopts its Constitution

AAJ-GBM, in its meeting held on Dec 8, 2013, discussed, approved and adopted the AAJ Constitution. Prof. Rakesh Tyagi (Convener), Dr. Qaiser Shamim, Dr. J. C. Batra and Sandeep Mahapatra were the members of the drafting committee.



Vice Chancellor, JNU

As per the AAJ Constitution (Clause-4.5), JNU Vice Chancellor shall be the ex-officio Patron of AAJ and in that capacity shall enjoy all the privileges of a member. At present, Prof. S. K. Sopory is the Vice Chancellor of JNU, and therefore he is also the AAJ Patron.

Chief Advisor (Alumni Affairs), JNU

As per the AAJ Constitution, the Chief Advisor (Alumni Affairs), JNU shall be the ex-officio member of the EC and shall form an official link between alumni and the JNU Administration in furthering the purposes of AAJ. Currently, Prof. K. P. Vijayalakshmi (2015-17) is Chief Advisor. She took charge from Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin (2013-15). Earlier, Prof. G J V Prasad was Chief Advisor for 2011-13. He took charge from earlier Chief Advisor Prof. Anand Kumar.

AAJ's 1st GBM (2013): A Recap

The 1st AAJ GBM, chaired by AAJ President Prof. R. Kumar, was attended by 45 alumni on Dec 8, 2013 at JNU Convention Centre. AAJ General Secretary Dr. Devendra Kumar Choubey presented the **Annual Report-2013** and Treasurer Dr. M. M. Kunju presented a report on its financial status.

AAJ's 2nd GBM (2014): A Recap

The 2nd AAJ GBM was held on Nov 30, 2014 at Convention Centre. Chaired by AAJ president Prof. R. Kumar, this GBM was attended by 47 alumni. AAJ General Secretary Dr. Choubey presented the **Annual Report-2014** and Treasurer Dr. Kunju presented a report on its financial health.



AAJ Road Map-2020

AAJ-EC, in its meeting held on Jan 9, 2015, deliberated, discussed threadbare and passed the proposal of **AAJ Road Map-2020** which summarises various projects of Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ). Its high points are: **AAJ Guest House with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre, AAJ Corpus Funds** and various other committees for alumni activities and network.

AAJ Committees

The AAJ-EC, in its meetings on Jan 9, 2015 and Mar 20, 2015, approved various committees to strengthen the alumni activities and spread its network. These committees are: **AAJ Guest House Committee, AAJ Media & Public Relations Cell, AAJ Finance Committee, AAJ Academic Forum, AAJ Welfare Committee, AAJ Membership Drive Committee, AAJ Website Committee, AAJ Award & Fellowship Committee, AAJ Village Programme Committee, AAJ Cultural Programme Committee, AAJ Emergency Assistance Committee, AAJ India Policy Research Cell, AAJ Publication Cell, AAJ Journal Committee and AAJ Internal Activities Committee.** The tenure of each committee is for three years and each committee will have 15 members - 5 core members (one convener, one co-convener and three members), 5 members representing East, West, North, South and Central zone of India, and 5 members each representing Asia, Europe, America, Australia and Africa.

AAJ Guest House

The AAJ-GBM discussed the creation of **AAJ Guest House with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre** on Nov 30, 2014. The GBM nominated Prof. Devendra Kumar Choubey (Convener), Prof. Talat Ahmad, Dr. R. Venkataramani, Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Punam Mehra, Dr. J. C. Batra, Dr. Dhiraj K. Singh and Dr. Pranav Kumar as members. The Guest House Committee and EC members held a series of talks with the JNU Administration including the then Registrar Dr Sandeep Chatterjee and PRO Poonam S Kudaisya and discussed the plan of the alumni guest house and submitted a detailed report to VC, JNU on Aug 3, 2015 for further action including allocation of land within the JNU campus. The JNU Engineering Department, headed by Pradeep Kumar and B S Rawat, submitted a preliminary estimate (based on PAR-2012) for Alumni Guest House to the tune of Rs. 7,68,93,528.87- subdivided into three phases i.e. Phase-I (Ground Floor: rooms, library and cafeteria), Phase-II (First Floor: rooms & documentation centre) and Phase-III (Second Floor: rooms & committee room).

Needless to say, the allocation of land for the construction of AAJ Guest House is of prime importance. It may be emphasised here that the **AAJ Guest House** construction will be borne, generated and funded by JNU alumni themselves.

AAJ Annual Events (2013)

The 5-day Annual Events (Nov 6-10, 2013) started with Lecture Series in various schools. It began with discussion on *Iran and*

the Wider World in SIS, followed by *Why Science?* in SLS Auditorium. The Day-2 was largely focussed on various activities at SLLCS including a panel discussion on *The Role of Intellectuals in Society*. A panel discussion on *Inter-disciplinary in Social Sciences* in SSS was the focus of Day-3. On Day-4, a seminar on *Manufacturing Consent, Manufacturing Taste: Has Corporatization of Media Robbed Us of Choice?* was held at the JNU Convention Centre. Here, Hari Kumar, a noted journalist from *Deccan Herald* delivered the key-note address and AAJ-EC member Dr. Qaiser Shamim moderated it.

A Kavi-Sammelan & Mushaira, which was attended by poets like Unita Sachidanand, Suman Kesari, Durga Pd. Gupta, Jitendra Srivastav, J. C. Batra, Ahmad Mehfooz, Zahir Rehmati, Maula Baksh, Hadi Sarmadi, Shafi Ayub, Zafar Ansari, Muntazeer Qaimi and Javed Rahmani, marked the end of the five-day annual celebrations. Also, the children of JNU alumni presented a cultural show followed by dinner.

1st JNU Alumni Annual Lecture 2013

Dr. Sanjaya Baru, a well known journalist and writer, delivered a lecture on *Re-examining Nehru's Economic and Foreign Policy*. While Prof. Anand Kumar delivered an introductory note, JNU VC Prof. S. K. Sopory graced the occasion.

2nd JNU Alumni Annual Lecture 2014

Prof. Talat Ahmad, a JNU alumnus and Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, made an audio-visual presentation on *Climate Change & Rise of Himalayas: A Connection*. Prof. I S Thakur, a JNU alumnus and Dean SES gave the introductory note and JNU VC Prof. S. K. Sopory graced the occasion.

AAJ Talk Series: A continuum

Jan 2, 2015: Hitendra Patel (Kolkata), Amitabh Sinha (Delhi) and Rupa Gupta (Burdwan) participated.



Mar 29, 2015: Surya Nath Singh (Jansatta) and Syed Mubin Zehra (Delhi University) shared their experiences.

Apr 29, 2015: Prof. Bal Ram Singh (Former Director, Centre for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) presented his viewpoint.

Jul 24, 2015: Mrinal Kanti Das (Retd. DGP, Manipur), Anurag Chaturvedi (Journalist) and T N Jha (Economist) made interesting observations on modern state of affairs.

AAJ-JNUTA Talk

Under the JNUTA president Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey's chairmanship, a talk on *Media of Mumbai: Film, Crime and Business* was delivered by Anurag Chaturvedi, a Mumbai-based journalist.

Alumni Achievements

Some of our alumni, **Nirmala Sitharaman**, **D P Tripathi**, **Sitaram Yechury**, **Bhagawati Prasad**, **Harischandra Meena** and **Udit Raj** are presently Members of Parliament, with some holding key portfolios in Union government.

In recent past, our alumni **Anjani Kumar Singh** (IAS) took over as Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar; **Tripurari Sharan** (IAS) was made Principal Secretary-Industries, Government of Bihar; and **Arun Deo Gautam** (IPS) was appointed as Home Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh.

In July 2015, **Devendra Kumar Choubey** had a unique distinction of participating in the SAARC Literary Festival on South Asian Poetry in Bangalore. Another JNU alumnus, **Uday Shankar** was conferred President's Medal last year for his exemplary service to the nation.

Shakeel Ahmed Khan was declared elected from Bihar's Kadwa assembly constituency in Seemanchal in the just concluded assembly polls.

AAJ Chapters (National)

Assam: Dr Kandarpa Das, Convener (M: 09435569926); **Bihar:** Prof. Raghunandan Sharma, Convener (M: 08986215925), Kishore Jaiswal, Co-convener (M: 09430720737), Sanjay K Pandey, Co-convener (M: 09431080966); **Chandigarh:** Dr. Pampa Mukherjee, Convener (M: 09872805494); **Chhattisgarh:** Dr. Ambrish Tripathi, Convener (M: 08964053313), Suresh Kumar, Co-convener (M: 08889400015); **Gujarat:** Binod Kr. Singh, Convener (M: 09871009449), Dr. Umesh C Yadav, Co-convener (M: 07923260341); **Kerala:** Prof. Joseph Koippli, Convener (M: 09495683616); **Madhya Pradesh:** Anupam Rajan, Convener (M: 09425161391), Manoj K Sinha, Co-convener (M: 09425492644), Sunil K Prasad, Co-convener (M: 09752416954); **Manipur:** Prof. Yashwant Singh, Convener (M: 09436025438); **Odisha:** Padmalochan Behera, Convener (M: 09438851763), Dr. Khushi Pattnaik, Co-convener (M: 09040059570); **Telangana & Andhra Pradesh:** N V S Reddy, Convener (M: 09849004506); Co-convener Bibhuacharya (M: 09505175175); **Uttar Pradesh:** V K Singh, Convener (M: 09415367150), Dr. Vipin K Neeraj, Co-convener (M: 09412585875); **Uttarakhand:** Dr Sabiruddin, Convener (M: 09756504727); Co-convener Sarita Jaitly (M: 09837341580); **Vidarbha:** Dr Umesh Kumar Singh, Convener (M: 09423307797); **West Bengal:** Dr. Hitendra Kumar Patel, Convener (M: 09230511567).

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From Horse's Mouth

Pallavi Prakash Jha, daughter of Dr. T. N. Jha, a JNU alumnus (1973-79), came from Mumbai to visit JNU campus and AAJ office. She says, "I spent the entire day with my dad here, what an experience! AAJ initiatives are an inspiring and mesmerising story. Even a silent stone seemed to tell a story."

Says **Kumar Ritwik**, son of Rajesh Kumar, a JNU alumnus (1986-88), "JNU is one constant in my family's itinerary whenever we decide to venture out on weekends since the past decade and a half. And I must say it has never been a disappointment; here every tree, rock and bus stop speaks a story for itself. From Periyar to Parthsaarathi, Ganga to Gopalan; JNU stands amidst the nature's beauty away from the neckbreaking speed of selfish cosmopolitan life where cooperation precedes competition."

AAJ Lifetime Members

Currently, we have 80-plus lifetime members. We hope to touch the magic figure of 100 soon. Following are our Lifetime Members:

1) Prof. Ramadhikari Kumar; 2) T. Ranganath; 3) Prof. Devendra Kumar Choubey; 4) Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi; 5) Dr. M. M. Kunju; 6) Dr. Qaiser Shamim; 7) Dr. Jagdish Chander Batra; 8) Rajesh Kumar; 9) Dr. Ved Mitra Shukla; 10) Uday Shankar; 11) Prof. Niranjan Chakraborty; 12) Prof. Gobardhan Das; 13) Dr. Ganpat Teli; 14) Prof. Gordhan Ram; 15) Dr. Subhra Chakraborty; 16) Poonam Mehra Natarajan; 17) Vijay Kumar Fotedar; 18) Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma; 19) Kheraj; 20) Dr. Vineet Narain; 21) Prof. Talat Ahmad; 22) Indu Sharma; 23) Prof. Durga Prasad Gupta; 24) Prof. Mohammad Mujtaba Khan; 25) Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Singh; 26) Krishan Pratap Singh; 27) Yasmeen Hasan; 28) Dr. Venkatachala G. Hegde; 29) Dr. Rakesh Kr. Verma; 30) Dr. Anisur Rahman; 31) Prof. Tukaram Fulzele; 32) Dr. Arun Kumar; 33) Dr. Gaikwad Ramesh Pandhripath; 34) Prof. D. K. Lobiyal; 35) Sunil Kumar Prasad; 36) Prof. Suman Kumar Dhar; 37) Anju Saini; 38) Sanjay Kumar Jha; 39) Alka Jha; 40) Dr. Pranav Kumar; 41) Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin; 42) Prof. Rana P. Singh; 43) Dr. R. Venkataramani; 44) Dr. Surae Soren; 45) Dr. Suryanandini Narain; 46) Prabhat Singh; 47) Prof. Mahesh Kumar Bansal; 48) Dr. G. Jitendra Sharma; 49) Ram Bux Jāt; 50) Abul Hayat; 51) Dr. Shaheen Ansari; 52) Prof. Meeta Narain; 53) Prof. Bal Ram Singh; 54) Kamal Kant Sharma; 55) Binod Kumar Singh; 56) Padmalochan Behera; 57) Rahul Krishna; 58) Punita Makker; 59) Dr. Umesh Chand Singh Yadav; 60) Dr. Akhlaque Ahmad 'Ahan'; 61) Dr. Neelam Kumar; 62) Dr. Jagannath Ambagudiya; 63) Kamalaksha Das; 64) Nusrat Jabeen Siddiquee; 65) Sarfaraz Ahmad; 66) Hari Mohan Nagepalli; 67) Amita Joshi; 68) Bhargav Mitra; 69) Dr. Varsha Sharma; 70) Abhai Pratap Singh; 71) Dr. Usha Mina; 72) Dr. Kiran Singh Verma; 73) Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao; 74) Prof. Agam Pd Singh; 75) Dr. Gyanendra Kumar; 76) Dr. Dheeraj K Nite; 77) Ranjanesh Sahai; 78) Amiya Chandra; 79) Udit Raj; 80) K D P Rao; 81) Mukesh K Sinha; 82) Kundan Yadav; 83) Manoj K Sinha; 84) Sharad C Srivastava; 85) Nadeem Ahmad Kazmi; 86) Navneet Anand; 87) Sanuja Beri; 88) Jyoti Kumar; 89) Sunil Sudhakar.

AAJ draws alumni from across the globe

There are surprises galore...from across the globe...JNU has its charm...it still mesmerises every JNUite, giving a nostalgic feeling. Ganga Dhaba, Parthasarathi Plateau, Neelgiri Dhaba, Gopalan Canteen, KC, Kitcha, Mamu ka Dhaba, Ashok Dada from Jawahar Book, Munna Saloon/Poorvanchal, Udiipi, Priya Cinema, Munirka still drive us crazy. Now, the campus has one more compelling attraction: **Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ) @ 101, JNU Convention Centre, JNU Campus, New Delhi-110067.** Recently, Bal Ram Singh from Boston/USA, Mrinal Kanti Das, ex-DGP, Manipur, Binod Kumar Singh, an IRS officer, T N Jha from Mumbai, Naresh Santhanam and Sharmila Seshan from Moscow made surprise visits to AAJ Secretariat. Other visitors include Prof. Prasenjit Sen (Rector, JNU), R. K. Singh, Bhargav Mitra, Pradeep Kumar, Renuka Bhanut, Satvinder Kaur, Ranendra Renu, Sunil Sudhakar, Satya Bhushan, Kishore Jaiswal, Rahul Krishna and several others.

Such strong longing by alumni to visit JNU campus even on trivial pretexts is laudable and promises a bright future for AAJ. Let us all unite and pledge to make AAJ a milestone.

A PEEP INTO PREVIOUS ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

ALUMNUS INTERVIEW



मुझे खुशी है कि एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन ऑफ जेएनयू अब स्वायत्त रूप से चल रही है

जेएनयू एल्युमनी और विश्वविद्यालय की रेक्टर प्रो. सुधा पई से डॉ. गणपत तेली की बातचीत

जेएनयू की एल्युमनी के रूप में आज आप जेएनयू को किस तरह से देखती हैं?

जेएनयू एक महत्वपूर्ण शिक्षा केन्द्र है। आज देश के कोने-कोने से लड़के-लड़कियाँ अपनी पढ़ाई के लिए जेएनयू को वरीयता देते हैं। यहाँ से पढ़कर निकले छात्र-छात्राएँ अलग-अलग क्षेत्र में जाकर अपना काम कर रहे हैं। एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन की भूमिका भी महत्वपूर्ण है। मुझे खुशी है कि एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन ऑफ जेएनयू अब स्वायत्त रूप से चल रही है। मुझे उम्मीद है कि यह तमाम पुराने छात्रों के एक साथ आने का मंच बनेगी।

आपके अनुसार जेएनयू के एल्युमनी की विश्वविद्यालय और समाज में क्या भूमिका होनी चाहिए?

शिक्षा एवं शोध, समाज सेवा, नौकरशाही, राजनीति, पत्रकारिता जैसे कई क्षेत्रों में आज जेएनयू से पढ़कर निकले लोग महत्वपूर्ण काम कर रहे हैं। ये सब लोग जेएनयू के एम्बेसेडर हैं। समावेशी और लोकतांत्रिक समाज का विचार हम जेएनयू में पाते हैं और यही विचार व्यापक समाज में ले जाने की आवश्यकता है। हमारे एल्युमनी यह काम कर भी रहे हैं। उन्हें विश्वविद्यालय की छवि निर्माण करने और उसे बनाए रखने का काम भी करना चाहिए। वे जिस किसी क्षेत्र में हैं, जेएनयू की अकादमिक और आर्थिक मदद भी कर सकते हैं।

एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन ऑफ जेएनयू और विश्वविद्यालय के आपसी संबंधों से आपकी क्या अपेक्षाएँ हैं?

एसोसिएशन जेएनयू से संबद्ध है लेकिन अपने आप में यह स्वतंत्र संगठन है। मैं इससे जुड़ी हुई हूँ, इसकी गतिविधियों में शामिल होती हूँ। मैं उम्मीद करती हूँ यह जेएनयू के पुराने छात्रों को वर्तमान छात्रों से जोड़ने में सफल हो पाएगा और यह संगठन जेएनयू को विभिन्न तरीकों से मदद करेगा।

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There is a need for long term planning and a vision for science to bring changes in the society,

Dr. K. Kasturirangan

Eminent Scientist & Chancellor, JNU

AAJ Scientists' Meet was held on July 31, 2016 on *India's Science Policy*. Prof. Devendra Choubey, President of AAJ, welcomed all the dignitaries and briefed about various AAJ activities. The inaugural speech was given by Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, VC, JNU & Patron of AAJ. Eminent scientist Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Chancellor, JNU and former chairman of ISRO, delivered the keynote address and said, "There is a need for long term planning and a vision for science to bring change in the society. We have to go a long way to really become a developed nation... where every section of the society is benefited by science and technology." Another well-known scientist, Prof. S. E. Hasnain (IIT-Delhi) also spoke about how to bring change in science policy and research in India. The meet was well attended by several scientists and alumni like Prof. B. C. Tripathi, Prof. I. S. Thakur, Prof. Rakesh K Tyagi, Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin, Prof. Suman Dhar, Prof. N. Raghuram, Prof. Subhra Chakraborty, Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Prof. Arun K. Sharma, Dr. Amita Joshi, Dr. Gopal Ji Gopal, Prof. K. P. Vijayalakshmi, Rajesh Kumar (Rajan), Dr. Ganpat Teli, Dr. Niranjan Chakraborty, Dr. Pranav Kumar, Dr. Sandesha Rayapa, Dr. Neelima Mandal and several others. Finally, Dr. Praveen Verma, Convener, AAJ Scientists' Meet, concluded with a vote of thanks.

AAJ Economists' Meet

AAJ Economists' Meet on *India's Economic Policy* was held on July 30, 2016 at JNU Convention Centre. Eminent JNU alumni attended the meet and shared their views on current economic issues. Inaugurated by noted economist Prof. N. V. Varghese, the meet was chaired by renowned political scientist and the JNU Rector Prof. Chintamani





Mahapatra. Economist Prof. Praveen Jha and Prof. Binod Khadaria discussed the issues at length. Several other economists who attended the meet included Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyaya, Ms Nidhi Sabharwal, Mr Narendra Thakur, Dr. Arati Srivastava, etc. While AAJ Economists' Meet Convener, Prof Anisur Rahman made a welcome speech, Prof. Devendra Choubey presented a roadmap of AAJ.

AAJ-EC Chhattisgarh Chapter (2016-18)

In the presence of AAJ President Prof. Devendra Choubey, JNU alumni nominated the following members and constituted the first AAJ-EC Chhattisgarh Chapter (2016-18) on August 12, 2016 in Raipur: Bijay Kishore Sunder Ray (President), Tanveer Hasan (Vice President), Ambarish Tripathi (General Secretary), Suresh Kumar (Joint Secretary), Vikas Kumar Kashyap (Treasurer), Arun Kumar Sinha (Member), Siyaram Sharma (Member), Vinod Kumar Sharma (Member), Abhishek Kumar Patel (Member), Santosh Kumar Singh (Member) and Sanjeev Kumar Jha (Member).

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AAJ-EC Rajasthan Chapter (2016-18)

In the presence of AAJ President Prof. Devendra Choubey, JNU alumni nominated the following members and constituted the first AAJ-EC Rajasthan Chapter (2016-18) on September 10, 2016 in Jaipur: Prof. Ravi Shrivastava (President), P. S. Tomar (Vice President), Prof. S. L. Sharma (General Secretary), Dr. Sanjay Kumar (Joint Secretary), Dr. Shivam (Treasurer), Dr. Varsha Verma (Member), Prof. J. K. Sharma (Member), Dr. Firoz Akhtar (Member), Dr. Bharat Kumar (Member), Dr. Ramesh Bairwa (Member) and Dr. Narendra Nath (Member).

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The AAJ-EC nominated the following as Conveners & Co-conveners of different AAJ committees: **AAJ Legal Cell** - Convener Dr. V. G. Hegde; **AAJ Emergency Assistance Committee** - Convener Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra; **AAJ Village Programme Committee** - Convener Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmad; **AAJ Cultural Committee** - Convener Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad; **AAJ Award & Fellowship Committee** - Convener Dr. Ganpat Teli and Co-conveners Dr. Neelam Kumar and Rakesh Kumar Verma; **AAJ India Policy Research Cell** - Convener Prof. Anisur Rahman and Co-convener Dr. Aarti Srivastava.

AAJ-EC names JNU officials as special invitees

The AAJ-EC in its meeting held on Oct 29, 2016 discussed and approved the names of following JNU officials as special invitees to different committees: Librarian, Central Library, and In-charge, Engineering Department, JNU in **AAJ Guest House Committee with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre**; Senior Security Officer, JNU in **AAJ Emergency Assistance Committee**; Dean of Students, JNU in **AAJ Award & Fellowship Committee**.



Some Updates from AAJ Committees

AAJ Guest House Committee: The AAJ President apprised members of various discussions/negotiations held between University officials and AAJ Guest House Committee members. It was decided to resubmit the entire plan along with relevant documents to the University and take it to a logical conclusion (land allocation for AAJ Guest House with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre).

AAJ Publication Cell: The AAJ-EC discussed and suggested to the AAJ Publication Cell to identify four publication houses (two in English and two in Hindi), and to draft a tri-partite agreement involving the AAJ, the concerned publication house, as well as the concerned alumni writer.

AAJ Award & Fellowship Committee: The AAJ Award & Fellowship Committee informed the AAJ-EC about selecting students from three streams-Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences for the AAJ Annual Award 2016-17. The AAJ-EC approved the same and suggested to evolve guidelines for candidates' selection for the award.

AAJ Finance Committee/Corpus Fund Committee: The AAJ Finance Committee/Corpus Fund Committee informed the AAJ-EC of its decision that 70% of membership money should go to the Corpus Fund for Guest House with Alumni Library, Committee Room & Documentation Centre, AAJ Award Programme for JNU students and others activities.



Alumni Book Released

Eminent Critic Prof. Manager Pandey, noted writer Smt. Chitra Mudgal, the AAJ Patron & JNU VC Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Prof. Rekha V. Rajan, and Prof. M. Anwar Alam released the book *Aadhunik Bharat Ke Itihaas Lekhan Ke Kuchh Sahityik Srot* (Some Literary Sources of Historiography of Modern India), written by Rashmi Choudhary and Devendra Choubey, ed. by Ganpat Teli, Devina Auchoybur and Khushi Pattnayak, on September 27, 2016 at the JNU Convention Centre.

Alumni Talk Series: A Continuum

August 14, 2016: A distinguished science scholar Dr. Gopal Jee Gopal from Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat made some interesting observations where Devendra Choubey, Ved Mitra, Pranav Kumar and Ganpat Teli participated and made it lively.

AAJ Writers Forum

The AAJ-EC created a new committee, AAJ Writers Forum, to highlight our alumni's intellectual activities and to organize **AAJ Literary Festival** every year with the help of literary/ scientific/ social sciences/ cultural committee bodies of the country.

AAJ Legal Cell

The AAJ-EC created a new committee, AAJ Legal Cell, to support and advise the alumni for their intellectual and legal rights.

AAJ 2017 Events Conveners

The AAJ-EC nominated following as Conveners and Co-conveners for various AAJ 2017 events: **AAJ Historians' Meet** (scheduled on January 29, 2017) Convener Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra; **AAJ Environmentalists' Meet** (30 April, 2017) Conveners Dr. Praveen K. Verma and Dr. Pranav Kumar; **AAJ Linguists &**



Translators' Meet (scheduled on July 30, 2017) Convener Prof. Meeta Narain; **AAJ Academicians' Meet** (scheduled on September 24, 2017) Convener Prof. Anisur Rahman; and **AAJ Bureaucrats' Meet, AAJ Parliamentary Members/Officials' Meet** in 2017 Conveners-Rajesh Kumar, Sanjay Kumar Jha, Rakesh Kumar Verma and Dr. Ranbir Kumar.

JNU celebrating 50th year in 2019

The AAJ-EC discussed the celebration of 50 Years of JNU in 2019 and agreed to submit a proposal for the same. Members of the Draft Committee are: Rajesh Kumar (Convener), Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad (Co-convener), Rakesh Kumar Verma (Co-convener), Dr. Syed Mubin Zehra, Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Mahesh Kumar Bansal and Dr. Ganpat Teli.

Book based on alumni's experiences proposed

The AAJ-EC discussed Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma's proposal and approved it to publish a book based on the experiences of an alumni by AAJ Publication Cell. Members of the Coordination Committee are: Dr. Praveen Kumar Verma, Kumar Kaustubh and Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad.

Alumni Achievements

Mohammed Mohsin and Roji M John were elected as MLAs (Members of Legislative Assembly) in Kerala State Assembly.



Prof. Meeta Narain, CRS, SLL & CS & Joint Secretary, AAJ received the Education Award for Excellence-2016 from the Confederation of Education Excellence (CEE) in recognition of her contribution in the field of Higher Education at a function held to mark the Teachers' Day.

Coffee Table Book & AAJ Directory

The AAJ-EC has decided to capture 5 DECADES OF JNU in the form of a **Coffee Table Book**. It was also suggested to bring out **AAJ Directory** for its members in 2019.

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ALUMNUS INTERVIEW



जेएनयू की एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन दूरदर्शी योजना पर भी काम कर रही है।

जेएनयू के रेक्टर और एल्युमनी प्रोफेसर चिंतामणी महापात्र से डॉ गणपत तेली की बातचीत

जेएनयू के एल्युमनी और एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन की गतिविधियों को आप कैसे देखते हैं?

जेएनयू की एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन अलग-अलग गतिविधियों में काफी सक्रिय है। चाहे एल्युमनी मीट हो या कोई लेक्चर सीरीज कभी-कभी वे सेमिनार-कॉन्फ्रेंस भी करा देते हैं। इनकी कोशिश जेएनयू के सभी एल्युमनी को जोड़ने की रहती है। जेएनयू के एल्युमनी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एल्युमनी हैं। वे दुनिया के कोने-कोने में रहते हैं। सबके साथ संबंध रखना पहले काफी मुश्किल होता था, मगर आजकल ईमेल के जरिए संबंध रखना आसान है। इस एसोसिएशन की कोई सीमा नहीं है। आगे बढ़ते रहना इसका काम है और जिस ढंग से इसने अब तक काम किया है, वह सराहनीय है। मगर अभी इसको और आगे बढ़ना है।

जेएनयू और एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन के संबंधों को आप कैसे देखते हैं?

निश्चित ही एसोसिएशन की हम सबको मदद करनी होगी, लेकिन चूंकि यह एक स्वैच्छिक और स्वायत्त एसोसिएशन है, इसलिए जेएनयू का हिस्सा होता हुए भी स्वायत्त काम करती है। जिसके पास समय है वो अपना समय थोड़ा दे देता है। यह आशा करना कि सभी एल्युमनी आकर भरपूर समय दे, शायद संभव नहीं है। लेकिन एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन ने अपनी सूची बनाई है और जेएनयू में पढ़े हुए काफी सारे लोग हैं। कोई पुलिस अधिकारी है, कोई आईएस है या आईबी में है, कोई बाहर पढ़ा रहा है, उनको एक साथ लाने की कोशिश कर रहा है; उसमें विश्वविद्यालय भी शामिल है। यह एक तरह से देश को कोने-कोने से जोड़ने की कोशिश की जा रही है और इसलिए इसे मेरा भरपूर सहयोग है। विश्वविद्यालय विशिष्ट एल्युमनी के लिए एक एल्युमनी अवार्ड घोषित करने की प्रक्रिया में है, जो जल्द ही मूर्त रूप लेगा।

एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन की गतिविधियों पर आपके विचार?

जेएनयू की एल्युमनी एसोसिएशन दूरदर्शी योजना पर भी काम कर रही है। एल्युमनी गेस्ट हाउस, डाटा सेंटर और लाइब्रेरी ऐसी ही योजना है। इसके लिए तीन चीजें चाहिए, भूमि जो जेएनयू में आसानी से उपलब्ध नहीं होती, दूसरी इमारत जिसके लिए काफी पैसा चाहिए, और तीसरी इस तरह के स्थानों में काम करनेवाले लोग जिसमें हम हिंदुस्तानी लोग मात खा जाते हैं। हम लोग ताजमहल भी बना देते हैं, मगर व्यवस्थित देखरेख नहीं कर पाते। गेस्ट हाउस एक ऐसी चीज है जिसमें सिर्फ इमारत की देखभाल ही नहीं उसे सही ढंग से चलाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध कर्मचारी वर्ग चाहिए, उनकी तनखाह चाहिए। एक बार पैसा आ गया, इमारत बना दी ठीक है, मगर कर्मचारी वर्ग को हमेशा रखने के लिए और व्यवस्थित रखने के लिए निरंतर संसाधनों की आवश्यकता है। यह एक भव्य परियोजना है, इसमें समय लगेगा लेकिन कोशिश जारी रहनी चाहिए। इस भव्य योजना के साथ-साथ कुछ और भी काम किये जा सकते हैं जिससे कि लोग एसोसिएशन की तरफ आकर्षित होंगे, जैसे इसका अपना एक वार्षिक कैलेंडर भी बनना चाहिए जो सभी लोगों के पास समय से पूर्व चला जाए। इससे एल्युमनी के लोग अपने पसंद के कार्यक्रम में समय-समय पर आ सकते हैं।

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