

## Annexure-I

# Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)

## AAJ Annual Report 2012- 2013

Dear Alumni,

The year 2012-13 was a significant period for formal initiation of students' alumni of JNU. On 15 Sept. 2012 Alumni Affairs convened a GBM for formation of Executive Committee for students' **Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)** in the presence of Dr. V. G. Hedge as election commissioner (appointed by Alumni Affairs office of JNU) and Prof. G. J. V. Prasad as Chief Advisor Alumni Affairs. The EC committee of students alumni (**Alumni Association of JNU**) constituted by election included a President (Prof. R. Kumar), Vice President (Mr. T. Ranganath), Secretary (Dr. Devendra Choubey), Joint Secretary (Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi), Treasurer (Dr. M. M. Kunju) and five members (Prof. Neera Bhalla Sarin, Mr. Sandeep Mahapatra, Dr. Nishant K. Ranjan, Dr. Qaiser Shamim and Dr. J. C. Batra. The broad objective of the AAJ is to foster strong relations between JNU alumni and others connected with the university in all fields.

Friends, our newly formed association moved forward with several ambitious aims and objectives. During the report period we convened five EC meetings. (**See Annexure-II**) Some of the major decision taken in EC meetings included i) formation of **Membership Data Base Committee** with Sri T. Ranganath as the convener and Prof G. J. V. Prasad, Dr. Nishant K. Ranjan and Dr. M. M. Kunju as members. The membership drive is still active; ii) formation of **AAJ Constitution's Committee** with Dr. Rakesh K. Tyagi as the convener and Dr. Qaiser Shamim, Sri Sandeep Mahapatra and Dr. J. C. Batra as members. The 'Constitution Draft Committee' discussed the "Old JNU Executive Council Approved AAJ Constitution " (**See Annexure-III**) to elaborate and formulate for an effective and modified AAJ Constitution. Subsequently, the modified AAJ Constitution was discussed and approved by AAJ-EC for placement before the AAJ-GBM.

As alumni we consistently dream to recapture and rejuvenate our old times in JNU. Most of us are now living in a larger world and small community life of JNU always recalls us. For visiting and exploring our life as a JNUITE we need to put forth our efforts for the possibility of establishing an alumni guest house in JNU campus. This issue was

discussed in AAJ-EC meeting dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013. We also discussed and planned to have a separate website for our alumni association. For this purpose AAJ- EC formed a five members committee during its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to explore the possibility. The members included Sri T. Ranganath, Dr. Devendra Choubey, Dr. M.M. Kunju, Ms Poonam S. Kudaisya and Director CIS or his nominee (**EC meeting dated 11.10.2013**).

For taking care of financial activities and issues the alumni association has opened and activated its own bank account with State Bank of India, New Campus, JNU.

Friends, the broad objective of our association is to foster strong global relations between JNU alumni and other communities of society. We endeavor to explore this possibility by conducting diverse communicative events within and outside campus. In this effort, the AAJ-EC decided to organize **AAJ Annual Events 2013** during 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. For this purpose, AAJ-EC formed two committees i). **Media Committee** for 'JNU Media Persons Meet' with Dr. Qaiser Shamim as the convener and Sri Urmilesh (Hindi Media), Shri Shankar Raghuraman (Times of India), Sri Rajesh Kumar (India Today) and Sri Surya Nath Singh (Jansatta) as members; ii). **Annual Day Lecture and Cultural Programme Committee** with Sri T. Ranganath as the convener and Prof. Neera Bhalla Sain, Prof. Manju Shree Chauhan, Ms. Arshia Sethi and Dr. Rakesh K Tyagi as members. **Annual Events 2013 started with** individual schools programmes.

Day 1 was dedicated to SIS for a discussion on *Iran and the wider world* (Moderator : Dr. Sanjay Pandey). Same day another discussion was conducted in SLS auditorium on *Why Science ?* (Moderator: Prof. Sona Jharia Minz). Day 2 was dedicated for activities at SLLCS where a panel discussion on *The role of intellectual in society* carried out (Moderator: Dr. Ashis Agnihotri). Day 3 was dedicated to SSS where a panel discussion on *Interdisciplinarity in social sciences* was conducted (Moderator: Dr. Srinivas Rao); On Day 4 at Convention Centre a media seminar was conducted on *Manufacturing Consent, Manufacturing Taste: Has Corporatization of Media Robbed Us of Choice?* (Moderator: Dr. Qaiser Shamim). Finally, on Day 5 **First Annual Alumni Lecture** by noted economist Dr. Sanjay Baru with introductory note by Prof. Anand Kumar was conducted. Same day **Kavi Sammelan/Mushaira** (Coordinator: Dr. Akhlaq Ahmad Aahan and Dr. Ganpat Teli) and a **Cultural Programme by children of JNU alumni** (There were two participants: 1. Aamna Tyagi and 2. Shagun Gupta) were conducted. The Annual celebration concluded with dinner. The news related to **AAJ Annual Events 2013** were widely covered by Hindi, Urdu and English media.

I am personally thankful to Dr. Ganpat Teli and his team ( Ms. Shubhra, Ms. Devina Auchoybur, Vipin Kumar, Deep Kumar Mittal and Mohd. Mushtaq) for covering **AAJ Annual Events** 2013 for media. Prior to AAJ Annual events, a popular talk on October 17, 2013 was conducted on 'Media of Mumbai: Film, Crime and Business' by Mr. Anurag Chaturvedi, noted journalist'.

Friends, our alumni has a big dream for JNU. The university may also have hopes from its alumni. Beyond JNU, our alumni carries a small JNU in his/her heart. The noted poet Surdas has said in his golden words –“ Jaise udi jahaj ke panchhi, puni jahaj pai aavey ”, means, *Jahaj ka panchi bar bar loutkar Jahaj par hi aata hi. Vah udana chahata hai, udata bhi hai, par uski aatma ko sukun Jahaj par hi milata hai.* We are the birds and JNU is our paradise (*Jahaz*) of memoire. *Par Panchhi jaise ek bare sapane ko lekar udana chahata hai, vaise hi Jahaj bhi hamase ek rishta kayam karna chahata hai.* Life without JNU will be like JNU without life. *Hum ek dusare ke purak hain.* We have a big goal before us to achieve. Let us come together and fulfill our vision and aspirations for which JNU stands for.

No work can reach its success without the dedication and participation of energetic and experienced minds. I am grateful to AAJ-EC team, our Alumni, our Patron Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, JNU Alumni Affairs office, PRO office and all individuals, including JNU community, who provided unstinted support to AAJ.

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