

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. Write to: EDITOR, AAJ NEWSLETTER, 101, JNU CONVENTION CENTRE, Jawaharlal Nehru University Campus, New Delhi-110067. T: +91-11-26738847 E: aajnu2012@gmail.com alumnus@mail.jnu.ac.in

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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”

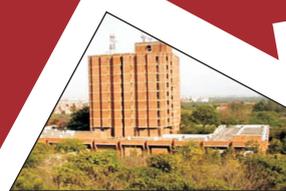
An interview with Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Patron, AAJ & Vice Chancellor, JNU by Dr Ganpat Teli

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. Niranjana Chakravarty, Dr. Amita Joshi, Dr. Sandesha Rayapa & Dr. Ganpat Tel and other alumni were present.



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 प्रासंगिकता 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. Chandrakant 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 Srivastava; 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

For **online lifetime membership registration**, please log in: www.jnu.ac.in/aaaj or visit AAJ Office @ 101, JNU Convention Centre.

GLIMPSES OF AAJ ANNUAL MEET, 2015



देश के विकास में जेएनयू का बहुत बड़ा योगदान है



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

जेएनयू एल्युमनी के रूप में आज आपके लिए जेएनयू का क्या महत्व 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 (छ।।६) 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 जाएँ, 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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