

## **BECA1981**

### **Summary of the General Meeting and Reunion on account of 30<sup>th</sup>. Year of Graduation ceremony organised on 1-1-2012 at the BEC Campus Institute Hall**

The day started with Registration and Breakfast at 10.00 am. Out of recorded 259 living graduates from 1981 batch ~85 attended the event with their family members with total participants exceeding 250.

The ceremony started at 11.00 am with Welcome Address by Sri Goutam Banerjee, Secretary for the event who illustrated the huge effort took by many of us to make the event a success.

Professor Ajoy Roy, Vice Chancellor addressed the august gathering of 30 retired faculty-members and BECA81 family stressing different aspects of the Academic and Infrastructural Developments and the role Alumni are playing and need to play to sustain the enhancements that our Alma Mater needs the most.

Sri AlokBhunia, President of the Committee illustrated the role BECA81 could play to integrate with the current environment of growth and need of the students.

Dr.BimanGhosh, Vice President Global Alumni Association, emphasized that help to the Institute could be provided for Academic Improvements and Institutional Infrastructural Developments. Accordingly a survey was issued to seek opinion of the members for the BECA81 Chair Professorship (at an approximate cost of INR 6 lakhs in today's market) and landscape developments around the Clock-Tower Water-front (at an approximate cost of INR 5 lakhs). While BECA81 Chair Professorship emerged as the winner, we believe with surplus fund significant stride could be made to develop the Water-front adjacent to the Clock-Tower exhibiting the foot-print of BECA81 to BEC community.

Sri BhaskarDasGupta is assigned to follow-up with the VC to adopt the model of Global Alumni Chair Professorship that is currently running in the E&TC Department for institutional support. Sri AlokBhunia would lead the team to coordinate with the institute about collecting the need of the Programs and make the call which department could utilize the Chair Professor position to the maximum. BimanGhosh explained the experience of the E&TC Department where poor utilization of valued resource generated some frustration amongst the incumbent as well as the Alumni.

Sri ShyamalKar, University Engineer would submit the Water-front development project to the BECA81 executive team with detailed budget and scope based on which the help from Public Health Engineering Department would be sought considering the aspect of water quality. Fund could be released as early as April 2012 depending on the institutional preparedness for planning and execution.

The Inaugural Programme unanimously accepted a proposal to form an Innovation Incubator for aspiring entrepreneurs amongst the graduating students. Sri BaniProsadGuhaThakurta and Dr.SubhasishSircar from Bangalore are assigned to lead this initiative and submit their proposal no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. 2012.

The highlight of the programme was the felicitation of retired professors with Kashmiri Shawl and Sweets. BECA81 appealed to those teachers to reintegrate with the college academic life and at least mentor the younger faculty members to be a successful teacher by sharing their valuable experience (more than 1000 years at the Institute Hall during the ceremony).

The Lunch and the menu were appreciated by everybody and the in-house cultural function witnessed our batch mates and their family members' talent-pool after lunch.

The ceremony was concluded at 7.00 pm with a cultural program presented by the Bangla Band Runner.