

# Annexure - II

## Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)

(Established Under the Statute 34 (i) of JNU Act 1966)

## Jawaharlal Nehru University

### AAJ Annual Report 2014 - 2015

Dear Alumni,

I take the privilege to present the annual report AAJ 2014-15 before you.

As we know, the year 2012-14 were significant in respect to initiation and establishment of AAJ as per the university statute. During this tenure the most important work was the drafting of the AAJ constitution which now stands as a landmark for all our future activities. This annual report marks on record the substantial work done by the previous EC under the leadership of Prof. R. Kumar as president.

The newly elected EC of AAJ took charge on March 8, 2015 after the elections which were held on February 23, 2015. The following members were elected for AAJ executive committee: Dr. Devendra Kumar Chaubey (*President*); Mr. Rajesh Kumar (*Vice president*); Mr. 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*); Mr. Sanjay Kumar Jha (*Member*); Mr. T. Ranganath (*Member*).

The new EC is now moving forward to fulfill the several aims and objectives laid down by the previous and present EC of AAJ. Starting from the period from March 8, 2015, we have convened 4 EC meetings (March-2015, July-2015, September-2015 and November-2015). Some of the major decisions taken in these EC meetings are:

#### 1. Approval of various committees

The AAJ-EC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 approved the following committees with the aim to strengthen the alumni activities and network. The committees are:

**AAJ Guest House Committee,**

**AAJ Media & Public Relation Cell,**

**AAJ Finance Committee,**

**AAJ Academic Forum,**

**AAJ Welfare Committee,**

**AAJ Membership Drive Committee,**

**AAJ Website Committee,**

**AAJ Award and 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 (A Journal of our Contemporary Time) and**

**AAJ Internal Activities Committee.**

In accordance to the formation of these committees, the AAJ-EC is working towards the accomplishment of the work allotted to each committee and we take the pride to inform you that the conveners of each committee along with their members are working seriously to achieve the goals. However, mention should be made of the following work.

## **2. AAJ Guest House**

As you know, AAJ first EC discussed the creation of AAJ guest house with Alumni library, Committee room and Documentation centre. The GBM nominated Prof. Devendra Kr. 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 registrar Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee and PRO Poonam S. Kudaisya and discussed the plan of the Alumni Guest House and submitted a detailed report to the VC, JNU on August 3, 2015 for further action including allocation of land within JNU campus. The Engineering Department, JNU headed by Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Mr. B. S. Rawat submitted a preliminary estimate (based on PAR-2015) for Alumni Guest House to the tune of Rs. 7,68,93,528.87. This work is further divided into three phases i.e. Phase-I (Ground Floor: rooms, library and cafeteria), Phase-II (First Floor: rooms and documentation centre) and Phase-III (Second Floor: rooms and 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 construction of AAJ Guest House will be borne, generated and funded by JNU alumni themselves.

## **3. AAJ Corpus Funds**

AAJ EC had proposed to create **AAJ Corpus Fund**. This Corpus fund has been proposed so as to carry out the major activities, namely the guest house construction, any emergency assistance required by any member, to confer award or fellowship to members/their children and for any other internal and external activities from time to time.

## **4. AAJ membership drive**

To strengthen AAJ, a renewed membership drive has rolled out with an eye to realise its Road Map-2020. We are working on an old database of more than 5,000 alumni, getting in touch with each one of them and trying to convince them to register formally as per our recently adopted AAJ constitution. Though we are encouraging our alumni to register as lifetime member (Fee: Rs. 5000 or USD 100 only), we too have provisions for annual membership at Rs 500 per annum. T. Rangnath is the Convener of the AAJ Membership Drive Committee. Various details about AAJ Constitution and Membership Criteria/Form, etc. are available on [www.jnu.ac.in/AAJ](http://www.jnu.ac.in/AAJ). So we are happy to announce that from a small beginning of about thirty members in 2014, today in less than one year we have crossed hundred.

## **5. National and international AAJ chapters**

Thanks to the growing enthusiasm and support of JNU Alumni all over India and abroad, we have succeeded in opening AAJ national and international chapters. Today we have AAJ national chapters in Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Gujrat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand, Vidarbha, West Bengal and international chapters in Dubai, Mauritius, Moscow and Singapore.

## **6. Talk series**

Keeping in mind the broad objective of AAJ to strengthen our global relation between JNU Alumni and other communities, we started talk series. Under this activity the following JNU Alumni participated and delivered lectures.

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

**Mar 29, 2015:** Surya Nath Singh (Jansatta) and Syed Mubin Zehra (DU).

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

**Jul 24, 2015:** Mrinal Kanti Das (Retd. DGP), Anurag Chaturvedi (Journalist) and T.N.Jha (economist).



## **7. Newsletter**

We have also succeeded in bringing out the first Newsletter of AAJ which was released yesterday (November 28, 2015). The editorial team worked relentlessly to bring this out. The editorial board includes Prof. Devendra Kr. Choubey, Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi, Prof. Meeta Narain, Dr. Ved Mitra. It will now be a regular feature for us, and we proposed to start by bringing out two issues in a year which may be increased to three/four in coming years.

## **8. Forthcoming events 2015-2016**

Keeping in view the intellectual activities of AAJ, the AAJ-EC has proposed the following forthcoming events in 2015-2016.

Media Person's Meet (already been over),  
Parliamentary Members Meet,  
Bureaucrats Meet,  
Academicians Meet,  
Writers Meet,  
Scientist Meet,  
Social Activists Meet,  
Environmentalists Meet and others.

And lastly, on behalf of AAJ-EC, I would like to express my deep gratitude to our alumni, our patron, the VC Prof. Sudhir K. Sopory, the rectors Prof. Sudha Pai and Prof. Prasenjit Sen, alumni affairs office, its chief advisor, Prof. K. P. Vijayalakshmi, PRO office and all individuals who are always ready to support AAJ.



Pranav Kumar

(General Secretary)