

**Report of the working of the Alumni Association by the Secretary, New Alipore College Students' Alumni Association in the first Annual General Meeting being held on August 03, 2025 at 3:00 pm**

Welcome and warm greetings to all the assembled members of the New Alipore College Students' Alumni Association at its first Annual General Meeting being held today, Sunday, August 03, 2025 at the New Alipore College premises.

At the outset I thank Dr. Jaydip Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College and honorary member of the Alumni Association, Sri Debasish Kumar, President, Governing Body, all other members of the Governing Body and all the staff and teachers of New Alipore College who cooperated in our all activities from the formation of the association till date.

I also express my apologies on behalf of the Governing Body of the association that despite our earnest efforts to organize this AGM at the end of 2023 and again in the middle of 2024 we could not arrange due to certain unavoidable circumstances of non-availability of suitable time amongst us. We hope that in future such a situation will not arise, and we can come together to meet for the AGM every year.

Thus today, I present before you the activities of the association from the formation till our last Governing Body meeting a few days ago.

The alumni association was formed on **January 05, 2020**, with election of office bearers including the President elect, Sri Debasish Kumar and me as Secretary elect in the presence of many ex-students of New Alipore College through a notification advertisement in 2019 in leading newspapers of different languages along with a Reunion program in the campus of New Alipore College on the same day.

Thereafter immediately the long process of registration process under the Societies Act of Government of West Bengal began by creating a WhatsApp group. and creation of an alumni Member registration page in the website of New Alipore College. A few alumni immediately registered online.

But unfortunately, the process of formal registration with the Government got stalled due to the unforgettable COVID pandemic which befall upon us in March, 2020. But still few online activities went on in 2020 and 2021 with one of our online registered members Dr. Bikram

Dhara circulating an online survey about the perception of Covid vaccine and Sri Victor Mukherjee circulating an alumni feedback form about the college facilities respectively.

A link of the website was also circulated amongst the teachers in 2021 for joining the alumni association and different departments were requested through IQAC of the college to organize programs with alumni.

Final Draft preparation of the Memorandum of Association as per norms of the Society Act was started in the final quarter of 2021 and after required modifications in consultation with the President and preparation of all necessary documents, finally the application for Registration was submitted on **February 10, 2022**. During the year of 2022, Secretary engaged with the college and different departmental heads in his capacity as external alumni representative to the IQAC to focus on possible involvement and contribution of alumni in activities like career counselling, mentoring students and organization of webinars especially in the post Covid scenario. Promotion of the alumni association through meeting with HODs of the college and circulation of alumni feedback form about the college facilities was also done in 2022.

The Alumni Association was officially registered under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 as New Alipore College Students' Alumni Association *vide* **Registration No. S0031632 of 2022-23 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022**.

From then on, the registered alumni association began its work with an official Governing Body of 9 members started the formal work of giving shape to the Alumni Association with its first meeting being held on **January 14, 2023**. A tree was planted on that occasion also in the garden beside the building of New Alipore College.

Many important decisions were taken for proper functioning of the Alumni Association in the 5 Governing Body meetings held till date (two in 2023, one in 2024 and two in 2025) which include the following:

- i. Inclusion of Principal, New Alipore College as Honorary Member of the Association
- ii. Life Membership Fees and Annual Membership Fees
- iii. Admission of Life Members and Annual Members (presently 42 in number)
- iv. Creation of Facebook page
- v. Creation of email account of the association

- vi.** Opening of Bank account and thereby creation of PAN card of the Association
- vii.** Creation of website of the Association linking the website of New Alipore College
- viii.** Efforts to increase the membership of the Association through different modes by circulation of membership enrolment forms until online process of registration starts.
- ix.** Meeting with HODs of the New Alipore College to discuss the alumni registration and motivate them to organize programs with alumni and involve alumni in various welfare and social programs as envisaged in the objectives of the Association in the Memorandum of the Association
- x.** Creation of digital database of alumni
- xi.** Cooperation and involvement of the Alumni Association in the NAAC accreditation process of the college
- xii.** Creation of Alumni Welfare Fund from the already paid amount of Rs.150 by ex-students as Alumni fee while leaving the college which was lying in the college account.
- xiii.** Organize programs like Career Fairs, health awareness camps, cybercrime related programs within the college and social outreach programs outside the college.
- xiv.** Formation of a small working group taking members of Alumni Association and existing alumni working in the college for smooth conduction of the activities of the Alumni Association
- xv.** Convene Special General Body meeting with sufficient registered members.
- xvi.** Creation of life Membership Cards and Health Privilege Cards for Members in collaboration with a nearby hospital.
- xvii.** Creation of a formal logo of the Association and neon signage in the campus of New Alipore College
- xviii.** Proposal by President, Sri Debasish Kumar of sponsorship (in the form of taking care of the tuition fees) of three students presently studying at New Alipore College from economically backward section but with good academic background during their full course of studies in this college.
- xix.** Donation of books of in the Library of New Alipore College amounting Rs.10000/- by Alumni Association for state and national level competitive examinations

xx. Audit of all financial transactions in each financial year.

I am happy to report to the esteemed alumni members that most of the decisions which were resolved as mentioned above were implemented broadly except a few which will be implemented soon.

In the span from 2023-25 the implemented decisions included a meeting with HODs of all departments , a special general meeting of the student alumni as a prelude to the NAAC peer team visit in which more than 50 alumni were present and 32 registered as Life Members of Alumni Association (minutes of which were read out in the earlier agenda) taking the total Life Member count to 42 as of now, conduction of a motivational workshop titled **“SMILE: Self-Motivation for Igniting Leadership Enlightenment”** on **26<sup>th</sup> February.2023** for the underprivileged children at Bikramgarh Residential School as a social outreach program by eminent personalities Dr. Subhasree Basu, and actor Sri Nilavo Roy, both of them also being faculties at Loreto College, library of New Alipore College got possession of 25 books on the subject of training for various national and state level competitive examinations from donations by Alumni Association and all financial transactions for the three financial years **2022-23, 23-24, 24-25** were audited (which will be placed by the Treasurer in the next Agenda). Six committees have also been constituted to look after the various aspects of the Alumni Association.

It is also a great pride for us that within this period NAAC Peer Team Visit took place, and the Peer Team interacted with the invited alumni of the New Alipore College and the Secretary of the Alumni Association on 04.09.2023. They went through all documents and records of the association and was satisfied with the work done in the short span, In the final outcome, the results showed that Alumni related activities got 2 out of total 4 in the final metric parameters of ranking with the college being ranked as ‘A’ in the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of assessment and accreditation.

We are always indebted to Dr. Jaydip Sarangi, Principal, New Alipore College for his constant encouragement and support for our alumni activities which resulted in us getting a small room for the Alumni Association beside the canteen which we furnished very quickly in a day or two before the NAAC Peer Team visit.

Finally, to spell out our plans which remains unfulfilled. The website of the Association is almost ready, and it will be launched as soon as the online payment gateway by Bill Desk to be integrated to the website become operational. The installation of the Alumni association

banner will also be done soon with the designing of the logo at its final stages. The process of providing the Life Membership Card is also in the process and it will be ready as soon as we can collect all the photographs of all Life members as requested in the WhatsApp group. The provision of providing Health Privilege card to all life members in association with a nearby private hospital is in the process of consultations with a letter from the Association having been handed over to our Governing Body member, Sri Debashis Das who is sincerely looking after the matter.

As we move ahead and look back on our deficiencies, the primary one is that more fruitful programmes need to be organised by the Alumni Association for social welfare and well being of students and alumni of New Alipore College as well as for the society as large which is the motto of the Association. We also could not start the student sponsorship programme yet as offered by Sri Debasish Kumar long ago.

For this lacuna more members need to be enrolled to increase the workforce for timely implementation of every programme which has been planned. I hope this will get a boost with the launch of our website and an organised effort from a larger section of members for which certain committees which were formed in the Governing Body need to be included with members with chosen expertise.

I thank all members of Governing Body of New Alipore College Students' Alumni Association who expressed confidence with me in these efforts, and I also thank all staff and ex-students associated with New Alipore College for their support as and when needed. I must also thank the Governing Body of New Alipore College and IQAC of the college, Bursar and Librarian, for their unstinted cooperation to carry on with the work. It has been a rich and wonderful experience as an alumnus of this college to serve my alma mater.

I conclude my report with the hope that all the drawbacks can be fulfilled with all your cooperation and a strong new Governing Body with the constant inspiration of the Principal, President of the New Alipore College Students' Alumni Association and last but not the least our always supportive and inspirational Honourable MIC, Sri Aroop Biswas, President, Governing Body of New Alipore College who is also an esteemed member of the Alumni Association.

Thank you all for your presence and patient attention.

**Dr. Indranil Bhattacharyya, Secretary**

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