

Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)
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Dear Alumni,

The years 2012-14 were significant for formal initiation and establishment of Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ). 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 AAJ-EC constituted by election included a President (Prof. R. Kumar), Vice President (Mr. T. Ranganath), General 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). **(See Annexure-I, 2012-13)**. Subsequently, in the AAJ-GBM held on 8th Dec. 2013, Sri Sohail Hashmi and Sri Rajesh Kumar were unanimously nominated as new AAJ-EC members. With the inclusion of these two members the total strength of the AAJ-EC stands at eleven (11) as per our newly approved constitution. The broad objective of AAJ is to foster strong relations between JNU alumni Diaspora and those connected with the university.

The newly formed association moved forward with several ambitious aims and objectives. During the report period (2013-14) two EC meetings and several sub-committee meetings were convened which included discussions and action related to redesigning of AAJ website, facilitate increase in membership and drafting of rules, guidelines and forms for AAJ-EC elections. **(See Annexure-II)**. The new AAJ constitution was also made available in Hindi with inputs from Sri K. M. Sharma, Mr. Shiv Kumar and Shiv Pratap Yadav (Hindi Unit, JNU) and our alumni Dr. Ganpat Teli.

Friends, when this EC was formed we had laid out a roadmap for ourselves which included : i) Drafting of AAJ Constitution, ii). Establishment of independent AAJ office, iii). Opening of a AAJ Bank Account, iv). Streamlining of AAJ annual events, v). To redesign a more attractive and user friendly AAJ Website, vi). To initiate a formal

constitution-based democratic election process of AAJ-EC, vii). To initiate a process for establishing a AAJ Alumni Guest House with committee room and library in JNU campus.

While our objectives i) to vi) have been achieved, the last objectives vii) is being pursued and may be treated as 'work in progress'. The step by step progress will require infusion of sufficient funds for design, construction and management of 'AAJ Alumni Guest House with committee room and library'.

Friends, as alumni we all must look forward to, and contribute towards making AAJ a successful platform for all ex-students. 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, Rector Prof. Sudha Pai, JNU Alumni Affairs office, PRO office and all individuals, including JNU community, who provided unstinted support to AAJ during the report period.

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