Brief Report of 'Nostalg*EE*a – Alumni Meet 2018' on 29.09.2018

The Alumni meet is an event for old relationships to be cherished, celebrated and refreshed and new ones to be formed. It is a time of reflecting, remembering the good old times and memories of the Alumni and looking forward with a sense of purpose and anticipation. We are pleased to have organized a wonderful and memorable '**Nostalg*EE*a**' on 29th September 2018 at Siliguri Institute of Technology.

Creating an engaged, supportive alumni network is crucial to an institution's success. If communication stops once graduates leave an institution, their understanding of the university will become stale. Instead, they should be kept informed so they can remain engaged and keep abreast on the progress of the university and Electrical Engineering Society (EES) was very fortunate to organize an alumni meet for the current batch students. As graduates of the institution, alumni have a special connection with the university and as a result are likely to be some of its more loyal supporters. If we keep them properly informed and engaged, alumni are our most loyal supporters and our best ambassadors, offering invaluable marketing and promotion across their personal and professional networks.

The date and time of the meet was well publicized and beforehand preparations were made for the success of the meet. The faculties and staff were put on duty by constituting various committees for the day.

Objective of the program: The objective of the program was to discuss important criteria's which any industry normally seeks from a candidate.

Outcome of the program:

Students will be able to:
- Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess social, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
- Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.
- Recognize the need for and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and lifelong learning in the broadest context of technological change.

The program details are as below:

Title of program: NostelgEEa - Alumni Meet, 2018
Resource Organization: Department of Electrical Engineering
Date: 29.09.2018
Time: 11.00 am onwards.
Venue: Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Hall, Department of Electrical Engineering, SIT

Summary of the program:
- The program started with the registration of alumni at 10.00 am by the registration committee..
- Most of the Alumni were visiting their Alma mater after a long time and naturally were thrilled to be back in the campus again. Some of them attended the meet with their children and family members as

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- The ceremony began at 11.30 am with the traditional lighting of lamp by Prof. J.B.Basu, H.O.D, EE Department, Prof. M.R.Chakraborty, Coordinator of EE Department and all the invited alumni.

- Prof. J.B.Basu, H.O.D, extended a hearty welcome to the alumni and the dignitaries to the Alumni Meet. In his speech, he updated the alumni about new initiatives taken up by the institute as well as department and congratulated student members of EES for organizing such a prestigious event.

- Prof. M.R.Chakraborty, invited the few alumni members to share their experiences of their graduation period. They shared their various wonderful experiences of the college with the students and advised them to attend classes regularly. They also highlighted important criterion which current industry normally seeks from any candidate and motivated the students to understand the fundamentals of every subject so that after completion of their course it becomes easy for them to choose a specific field.

- After a joyful interaction with the students, a short 15 minutes tea break was organized for all the alumni.

- Post tea break session, a faculty and alumni interaction was arranged. Mr. Sudeep Das, Training and Placement Officer, SIT along with departmental Training and Placement in charges interacted with all the alumni. They asked for suggestions and modification regarding trainings that are provided to the students.

- Mr. Sudeep Das, also urged the alumni members to kindly provide their references in core as well as software sector for improving the placement of Electrical Engineering graduates.

- Mr. Avishek Gupta Roy, Associate Consultant, TCS suggested various training programs such as Code Vita, Java , IOT, Ruby, Python, etc. for the students as it will be very helpful for those students who want to apply for software sector.

- Mr. Arindam Mallick, Deputy Chief Engineer, M.N.Dastoor & Co., also suggested to conduct trainings on software automation, ETAP, PDMS, AutoCad.

- As many of the alumni are now part of recruitment process, according to them the students over here lack analytical skills which are one of the most important criteria's for placements. Furthermore, Alumni after sharing their experiences assured all kinds of help, support, and cooperation for the betterment of the students and institute as whole.

- After a serious discussion a lunch session was organized for the alumni. It was observed that old students reliving their old memories with their batch mates, seniors and juniors. Many of the current students were also seen interacting with their pass out seniors and learning from their experiences. In all, the ambience was electric with people seen chatting and enjoying in groups.

- Post lunch session, a student and alumni interactive session was organized where students were allowed to ask any doubt or query related to placement and future career prospects and recent trends in Electrical Eng.

- Mrs. Joyita Ghosh, Delivery Manager, IBM in her speech suggested students that salary should not be important concern for the fresher's. Initially they need to gain experience and emphasized on the fact that there is no short cut in life to achieve success unless you put labor into it as 'the word labour comes first in dictionary than salary'.

- Various questions like the need of English language to get a good job, requirement of trainings, extra

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skills required at the time of placement, difference between core and software industry and many more were raised by the students.

- All the queries were answered by the alumni. They said that initially they should remove the tag of fresher's from their CVs and gain experience. They also suggested the students to explore various companies and attend all the campus drives conducted by the college.

- At last all the 41 alumni's were presented with memento by the faculty, staff as well as the students of the Electrical Engineering Department.

- A group photograph comprising of alumni's, students and all the faculty and staff was taken in front of the main building. The Alumni showed their willingness to help and partner in various ways. The Meet ended with a sweet hope of Meeting again next year.

Some Glimpses of the "Nostalg*EE*a – Alumni Meet 2018"

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