

**2<sup>ND</sup> ALUMNI MEET REPORT – 2023**  
**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF JHARKHAND**

**Date: 22 September 2023**

**Time: 10:00 AM onwards**

**Venue: CUJ Auditorium, Science Block, Manatu**

The Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ) organized its 2<sup>nd</sup> Alumni Meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, with great fervor and enthusiasm. The event brought together distinguished dignitaries, CUJ alumni, university faculties and staff, and students, all gathered in the auditorium to mark the beginning of a proper connection with CUJ alumni. The moderators, Ms. Neha Pandey and Dr. Arpita, opened the event by highlighting the importance of the alumni meet in fostering connections and strengthening the bonds within the CUJ community.

The moderators requested the Honorable VC, CUJ, Prof. Kshiti Bhusan Das to preside over the event. He was joined by the Registrar, CUJ, Shri K. K.Rao, Prof. Manoj Kumar (Secretary, Alumni Cell), Dr. Bhaskar Singh (Chief Coordinating Officer, Alumni Cell) and Dr. Sayantee Roy (Vice President, Alumni Cell) on the stage.

**Lighting of the Lamp and Paying Obeisance to Goddess Saraswati**

The formal beginning of the event happened with the traditional lighting of the lamp and floral offerings to the picture of Goddess of Wisdom, Maa Saraswati. The Honorable Vice Chancellor of CUJ, Prof. K B Das along with the Registrar Shri K.K Rao, Prof. Manoj Kumar, Dr. Bhaskar Singh and Dr. Sayantee Roy, lighted the lamp and offered tributes to Goddess Saraswati. Afterward, all the dignitaries took their seats on the dais.

## **Kulgeet**

Kulgeet of CUJ was presented by the students of Department of Performing Arts under the guidance of Dr. Jaya Shahi.

## **Felicitation with Saplings**

To express gratitude and honor the distinguished guests, the Alumni Cell presented each of them with saplings, symbolizing growth, renewal, and the nurturing of the future. This gesture reflected the university's commitment to sustainability and the environment.

Honorable VC was felicitated by Dr. Chandra Shekhar Dwivedi, Registrar Shri K.K. Rao was felicitated by Dr. Bhaskar Singh, Prof. Manoj Kumar and Dr. Bhaskar Singh were given plant saplings by Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Mishra and Dr. Seema Mamta Minz felicitated Dr. Sayantee Roy.

After the felicitation came the official beginning of the session by sharing the thoughts of each dignitary on the dais. First to speak was Dr. Sayantee Roy. She was invited by the moderators to speak on the occasion marking the welcome of Alumni. Dr. Sayantee Roy is the distinguished alumnus of CUJ who is nominated for the Vice President post of Alumni Cell.

## **Speech by Vice President of Alumni Cell, Dr. Sayantee Roy**

Dr. Sayantee Roy, Vice President of the Alumni Cell, commenced the series of inaugural speeches by acknowledging and greeting all the dignitaries present on the dais and in the auditorium. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the university for shaping her into the person she is today. Dr. Roy emphasized the responsibility that alumni bear towards their alma mater and expressed her hopes for future alumni meets.

During her address, Dr. Roy proposed the establishment of an endowment fund to provide assistance to the students in need and coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. She encouraged fellow alumni to contribute ideas for strengthening the CUJ alumni community and suggested improvements in promoting alumni meets. She expressed her special appreciation for Dr. Bhaskar Singh and assured that alumni would actively engage in making future alumni events more meaningful and productive.

### **Address by Secretary of Alumni Cell, Prof. Manoj Kumar**

Prof. Manoj Kumar, Secretary of the Alumni Cell from the Department of Life Sciences conveyed his privilege in being a part of this significant event. He extended a warm welcome to all the alumni, recognizing them as the flag bearers of the university. Prof. Kumar commended Dr. Bhaskar Singh and Dr. C. S. Dwivedi for their excellent organization of the event.

He outlined the objectives of the Alumni Association, including connecting past and the present students, fostering collaboration, ensuring the welfare of alumni, creating a network, and effectively utilizing it for collective benefit and welfare.

### **Address by Registrar CUJ, Shri K.K. Rao**

Shri K.K. Rao, the Registrar of CUJ, expressed his gratitude to the numerous alumni who had made efforts to attend the event from various parts of the country. He highlighted the three pillars crucial to a university's development: good faculty members, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and a well-stocked library and laboratory. He commended the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. B. Das, for his vision in establishing the permanent campus and urged collective efforts to make CUJ the preferred choice for students pursuing various courses. He particularly emphasized on making engineering courses more attractive and competing with the established

institutions to attract more students. He underscored the efforts of the present Vice Chancellor in the past two years where the development of infrastructure is speeding up.

### **Presidential Address by Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. B. Das**

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. K. B. Das, took the stage and congratulated all the attendees on organizing the second alumni meet. He emphasized that students are not just brand ambassadors but also brand equity for the university. Prof. Das encouraged the establishment of strong connections to strengthen the university and foster relationships beyond alumni meets. The Honorable Vice Chancellor expressed profound appreciation for the enthusiastic participation of female students and alumni. He mentioned that while India is having a Women Reservation Bill, it is great to have a woman leading the alumni cell and this event. He emphasized that while the development of infrastructure is crucial, the paramount aspect lies in nurturing relationships and fostering a sense of belongingness among all members of the university community. The Vice Chancellor stressed the significance of networking in life, as it enables the sharing of experiences and knowledge, which in turn, facilitates the integration of positive changes within both the students and the university as a whole. He also added to go beyond nexus to build good network.

He stressed the importance of a sense of belonging within the university and urged alumni to provide feedback for continuous improvement. Prof. Das advocated for better networking and shared an inspiring anecdote about an alumna who excelled in entrepreneurship through determination. He also mentioned about the alumni's whom he met during a film festival in Ranchi. He asked that Alumni excelling in

film making may also be called for interaction with the students providing them with other options.

Prof. Das emphasized setting clear goals and working tirelessly to achieve them. He called for envisioning where CUJ should stand in the next ten years. He invoked the words of the present Prime Minister of India, "sabka saath, sabka vikas. He added that in this slogan sabka vishwas, sabka prayaas may be added and encouraged every stakeholder to contribute to CUJ's development.

Additionally, he proposed several initiatives, including maintaining thriving connections among alumni, the creation of a CUJ Alumni newsletter, and personal meetings among alumni. He welcomed alumni to visit CUJ when available in Ranchi, expressing the university's eagerness to host them. He appreciated the Endowment Fund proposal put forth by Dr. Sayantee Roy, suggesting it as a valuable addition to the Alumni Association's efforts.

### **Cultural Performances**

After the formal inaugural speeches, the cultural programme began. There altogether four performances which included Odissi, Kathak performances and folk songs. The first performance was an Odissi Dance.

#### **Odissi Dance by Miss Ishita Roy (Department of English)**

The event commenced with a mesmerizing Odissi dance performance by Ms. Ishita Roy, a talented student from the Department of English. Her graceful movements and expressive storytelling through dance left the audience spellbound. The second performance was of Kathak.

### **Dance Performance by Ms. Kaveri Roy (Department of Performing Arts)**

Ms. Kaveri Roy, a present student from the Department of Performing Arts, delivered a captivating Kathak dance performance that showcased her exceptional talent and dedication to the art of dance. She performed on Piya Ghar Aaye.

### **Folk Songs by Performing Arts Students**

A group of students from the Department of Performing Arts, including Ms. Aparna Singh, Ms. Kavita Kumari, Ms. Nisha, Ms. Sunita Kumari, Mr. Vishal Kumar, and Mr. Ajay, presented two enchanting folk songs. The first was an Oraon Geet, and the second was a Nagpuri Geet. These performances were executed under the expert guidance of Dr. Jaya Shahi, Assistant Professor, Department of Performing Arts, CUJ.

### **Classical Kathak Performance by Ms. Sunidhi Banerjee**

The event was graced by a guest performance by Ms. Sunidhi Banerjee, a renowned classical Kathak dancer from Ranchi and a disciple of Pandit Birju Maharaj. She enthralled the audience with a classical Kathak recital on Ganesh Vandana, showcasing her exceptional skills and artistry.

After the cultural performances, Dr. Bhaskar Singh, Chief Coordinating Officer, Alumni Cell was invited to give Vote of Thanks.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Dr. Bhaskar Singh, the Chief Coordinating Officer, Alumni Cell at CUJ, extended heartfelt thanks to all the participants, organizers, and supporters who contributed to the success of the Alumni Meet. He acknowledged the diligent efforts and cooperation of various individuals and groups, including:

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, for continuous support and guidance.

Deans and Heads of respective schools and departments.

Finance Officer for approving the event's budget.

Controller of Examination, Librarian, and all administrative staffs.

Prof. Manoj Kumar, Department of Environmental Sciences, President of Alumni Cell, CUJ.

Prof. Manoj Kumar, Department of Life Sciences, Secretary of Alumni Cell.

Prof. Ashish Sachan, Treasurer of Alumni Cell.

The technical team of CUJ for providing technical support for the event's live broadcast on YouTube.

Departmental alumni representatives from each department.

Ms. Ishita Roy and Dr. Jaya Shahi's team for their beautiful cultural programme.

The Cultural Committee members.

Special guest, Ms. Sunidhi Banerjee.

Advisory Committee members and other committee members.

Student volunteers and alumni who contributed to the event's success.

Dr. Bhaskar Singh expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming response from the alumni community, with nearly 359 alumni showing their willingness to participate out of the 1500 who registered through the Google Form. He concluded by expressing the hope for more such events in the future and thanked everyone for making the Alumni Meet a memorable and successful gathering.

After the vote of thanks all the alumni and guests were asked to join for lunch. Before going for lunch all the Higher Officials and alumni had a group photo session. After the lunch, the session of second half began.

## **Second Session**

The Second session began at around 3.00 pm in the auditorium of Science Building. Dr. Bhaskar Singh requested Deans of different Schools (School of Natural Sciences, School of Natural Resource Management and Humanities) to share their thoughts. This was followed by alumni sharing experiences from their journey in CUJ campus. Among the Deans, first Prof. Arun Kumar Padhy addressed the alumni. He told the alumni that this is your university and your programme, you should feel connected to it and contribute in its development. Prof A. C. Pandey, Dean, School of Natural Resource Management said University is moving ahead nicely. At present we have some strength and shortcomings which needs to be looked upon and work to develop further. Prof. Alok Kumar Gupta also highlighted the importance of alumni meet and shared his experiences among the alumni.

This was followed by the alumni sharing their experiences. Dr Priya Mukherjee is a scientist by profession stressed on gaining substantial practical knowledge rather than bookish knowledge. Mr. Krishna Kumar Rajak talked about time-to-time orientation among the students and the faculty to make them aware about the technology. He added that teaching should be facilitated as per the convenience of the students. Mr. Nishant spoke about the need for interaction with each other to address the issue of knowledge transfer in view of culture preservation. Mr. Rajat Raj, Research Scholar, Department of Mass Communication, CUJ gave his views on the functioning of CUJ Alumni Association for the betterment of association.



He also stressed about the need to organize alumni association meet biannually. Lastly, Dr. Bhaskar Singh welcomed all the suggestions and feedback received from alumnus and conveyed to ensure the routine functioning of CUJAA.

The Alumni Meet ended with the formal photography.









