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President Speaks

Dear friends and colleagues, while wishing all of you for your allround well-being, I, on behalf of all members of our Association, pay my heartfelt profound honour, admiration and tribute to our brethren, the so-called Covid warriors, many of whom have lost their precious lives while treating Covid victims vis-a-vis those,

who have been relentlessly performing their noble duties with unwavering commitment and steadfastness. We must salute their spirit in their exalted mission and stand by them in needs and necessities to the best extent of our capacities and possibilities. We also convey our sense of gratitude to the other front line workers, who have also been resolutely performing their duties for the suffering humanity. Unfortunately, there is little sign of waning of poisonous Covid virus, let alone its gradual extinction from Earth. However, our only ray of hope in this all pervading darkness is that now, vaccination drive is in full swing and in right earnest, and, hopefully, the impact of severity of Covid victims will be reasonably and significantly lesser. Whatever may be, we will to live our lives combating this deadly virus, which has virtually devastated human lives and livelihood with every section of society being affected in one way or the other. However, life is a continuous process of adjustment and perhaps, we are also in the process of adopting ourselves to this extremely awkward situation triggered by this virulent pandemic. Despite administering COVID PREVENTIVE vaccines, there should not be any room of complacency and we must not lower our guards as well as attend to our respective duties with utmost precaution duly maintaining COVID related protocols. Now, in this critical, turbulent situation, with your wholehearted cooperation, I have been able to manage day to day activities of

our Association. In this regard, it will be pertinent to mention the special role of Hon'ble Secretary and Treasurer of our Association in addition to other members of the Executive Body.

Most important, it will be ungracious on my part if I do not specially highlight the contribution of our Hon'ble Principal, who has always extended his helping hands to our Association on our every needs and requirements. He has also graced the Doctors Day function, along with Hon'ble DME, Govt. of West Bengal Medical Education. Both of them have graced our occasion, keeping aside their precious and hectic schedule. Hon'ble DME has also assured us to meet any of our valid needs, on our approaching to him. We must be grateful and thankful to them for their guidance and cooperation.

We have celebrated THE DOCTORS DAY without much fanfare and unembellished way, duly maintaining Covid related protocols. However, felicitation ceremony will be arranged very shortly after talking with all stakeholders. We always welcome your any noble suggestion or ideas in this regard. Before concluding, I must acknowledge your whole hearted cooperation in every initiative that I have embarked upon, and I am sure and certain that, similarly afterwards, I will continue to receive the same in the near future. However, I may please be pointed out whether any shortcoming was noticed in course of my management of our Association, so as to rectify myself and my supporting associates as well as to enable me to make my vigorous efforts in taking our Association to glorious heights. Finally, I urge upon you to kindly suggest any virtuous way and prudent mission for which our Association can be successfully mobilized. Log live Alma Mater CNMC.

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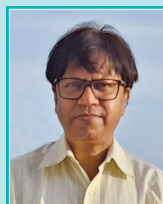
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From the Desk of Secretary



I would like to convey my sincere gratitude and thanks for giving me an opportunity to serve the prestigious Alumni Association of Calcutta National Medical College for two consecutive years.

I would also like to pay homage to the alumni who have left us for heavenly abode.

We are passing through a difficult time due to Covid-19 pandemic. During the second wave of the pandemic we have lost 776 doctors in our Country and 62 doctors in our State. Amongst them Dr Prasanta Kumar Mukherjee, Dr Smarajit Jana, Dr Atanu Shankar Das, Dr Kumar Kanti Ghosh, Dr Rajesh Kumar, Dr Dilip Kumar Barui, Dr Abdullah Sohail, Dr Chhanda Ray Mondal, Dr Supti Bala belongs to our alumni family.

During the first wave of the pandemic we have lost Dr Sisir Kumar Mondal, Dr Shuvendu Bhandari, Dr Bikash Bose, Dr Kanchan Dey, Dr Amal Manna, Dr Kishore Nandi, Dr Sujan Kumar Mitra, Dr Rajendra Golcha, Dr Sudip Kumar Mukherjee, Dr Hasi Dasgupta, Dr Biswajit Bandopadhyay, Dr Arjun Das, Dr Subhra Paul, Dr Debidas Saha, Dr Arabindo Ghosh. May their departed soul rest in peace. Our prayer lies with their bereaved family members. My sincere thanks to Dr Somanth Sorcar, Organising Secretary of 68th Reunion and his Team for transferring their surplus fund to Alumni Association.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic 70th Reunion could not be organised in the month of February 2021. On 6th February 2021, prior to 10th EC meeting flag hoisting ceremony was organised at college campus in presence of Principal CNMC Prof Ajay Kumar Ray and the members. This was followed by garlanding of Martyr's Memorial and statues of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Dr Kumud Sankar Ray, Dr M N Sarkar and Dr Sundari Mohan Das. With much discussion an idea of organising reunion in new normal situation was conceived. New Normal Reunion 2021 was organised on 3rd and 4th April 2021 in dual platforms (both physical and virtual) which was appreciated by all. A sketch of New Normal Reunion 2021 has been outlined in the "Reminiscences of New Normal Reunion 2021" heading.

Immediately after the reunion, a health camp was organised on 12th April 2021 in "Astarag", an old age home run by CPT Officer's Wives' Association. About 44 elderly residents and 14 caregivers of the old age home were examined. Facilities like eye check up including refraction, general health check up, ECG, CBG measurement and neuropathy studies were set up. Executive committee members of the old age home (Astarag), expressed their thanks and gratitude after the camp was over and requested for a follow up health camp after a certain interval. Supercyclone Yaash has caused massive devastation in Sagar Islands including Ghoramara island. Members of executive committee have expressed deep concern and forwarded their views to stand by the side of Yaash victims. Accordingly a team comprising President, Vice-president, Secretary and EC members visited Sagar Island on 19th June 2021 and handed over Rs 80,000/- to Ramakrishna Mission, Manasadwip, Sagar Island. In addition EC members have also donated individually. With these financial support essential commodities (utensils and garments) were distributed amongst 100 homeless families. Besides, sanitizers, cloth masks, soaps were distributed to the residents of the Ashram.

On 1st July 2021 Doctor's Day was observed in Eastern Lecture Theatre. After the inaugural song one minute silence was observed for the Covid Martyrs. This year Doctor's Day was observed as Covid Martyr's Day. We have lost 748 of our colleagues during the last 9 months (first wave) and 776 colleagues during last 9 weeks (2nd wave). President welcomed the distinguished guests and the members present in the morning. Prof (Dr) Debasish Bhattacharyya, Director of Medical Education in his speech highlighted the extraordinary clinical acumen of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy and he wanted to impress the new generation of doctors on sympathy towards our patients. Principal Prof (Dr) Ajay Kumar Ray and MSVP Prof (Dr) Shyamapada Pati have also graced the occasion. In a discussion a proposal was raised regarding placement of bust of Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay, an ex-student of our institution for his pioneer work in the field of reproductive medicine which lead to the first test tube baby in India. A written proposal was forwarded to the Principal Calcutta National Medical College on this including renaming of Gynae block of Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital as Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay Block.

As a Secretary I appeal to all the students, interns, housestaffs and natmeds to come forward during this tough time with all possible way of participation thereby enriching our Alumni Association.

Long live our Alma Mater.

Long live our Alumni Association.

Dr Amitava Sett, Hony. Secretary, CNMC Alumni Association



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Reminiscences of New Normal Reunion 2021



The memory of New Normal Reunion 2021 is still very young in our mind. I think everyone will cherish the memories of these two days, 3rd and 4th April 2021, for long. In spite of pandemic, there was a good gathering, a vibrant mixture of seniors and juniors, as well as students.

After much of discussion it was decided that Reunion 2021 will be organised by Alumni Association and under new normal situation a New Normal Reunion 2021 was planned. For this to happen I must congratulate President, Treasurer, Executive committee members and senior members for their constant support and active help without which New Normal Reunion would not have been successful. Before reunion 3 Pre-reunion CME's were organised.

Inauguration of New Normal Reunion 2021 was done on 3rd April 2021 in presence of Prof Ajay Kumar Ray, Principal CNMC, Senior Alumni members Dr Gopal Behari Mukherjee, Dr Dilip Kumar Roy, Dr Sujit Kumar De, President Alumni Association, Secretary, Dr Amitava Sett, executive committee members and delegates. It was organised in a new model in college auditorium and in hybrid platforms-both physical and virtual.

On the first day following inaugural session, there was prize distribution ceremony where budding talents were felicitated by College Authority and Alumni Association.

On the first day, introductory Dr Susanta Kumar Basu memorial oration was delivered by Dr Baijayanti Baur on pre-conception care and stress management. Prestigious Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay memorial oration was delivered by Dr Shyamal Sett on Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay-an unsung hero. A vivid life sketch and work of Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay was appreciated by all. During post lunch session a CME was delivered by Dr Soumya Mukherjee, consultant hematologist on advancement in the management of Hemophilia B. A tea stall with constant supply and packed lunch were new in this new normal situation.

Second day of reunion started with two back to back CME by Dr Subhasish Das on osteoporosis and Dr Chanchal Goswami on sequencing of EGFR TKIS in the management of NSCLC. Dr M N Sarkar memorial oration was delivered by Dr R R Ghosh Roy on Psychiatric overview and Dr N K Pal memorial oration was delivered by Dr Sayandev Dasgupta on the past, present and future of surgery. Dr Dulal Chandra Dolui, President 69th Reunion, Dr Arnab Gupta, Organising Secretary and his team were felicitated for successfully holding 69th Reunion. Lastly Annual General Body meeting was held in dual platform which again was attended and appreciated by all. Organising committee of 68th Reunion handed over Rupees ten lakhs from their surplus fund to Alumni Association and a memento. This was appreciated by the members. This year, CNMC Lifetime Achievement Award (donated by Medicos 1979) was awarded to our beloved teacher Prof. Dulal Chandra Dolui for making generations of medicos and his contribution to advancing medical education.

I hope in coming months there will be a decline in Covid cases following mass vaccination and following Covid appropriate behaviour on the part of the society as a whole. With which we are hoping to organise 70th Reunion in the month of February 2022. Our best wishes to Dr. Tiba Banerjee and his team for a successful reunion.

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70th Reunion, CNMC

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AN APPEAL

Call for Celebration of 70th REUNION 2022



Pray that 70th Re-union be held as per schedule. Odds will be ever - fall back never. Hold the head high unto the sky. Let us all unite and fight. We shall win and win.

Let us not groan for what we hadn't achieved last year. Let us moan to have the have nots. No doubt, the threatening clouds are dark-forget not they too have silver linings to glow. Must we endeavour- rest on the savior.

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Let's start with the opening line of "A tale of two cities": It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

Worst times as we have never lost so many known and unknown citizens of our country and the world in such a short span in our lifetime. Best of times, as like the proverbial phoenix – we can start afresh and look to a new world.

Keeping these facts in mind we plan to organize the **70th Reunion of CNMC on 4th, 5th & 6th February on 2022.**

This Reunion will be different from previous ones in at least two counts.

First, most likely we are going to have a hybrid Reunion (both digital & physical form).

Second, it will have much less fanfare compare to previous years.

We still do not know what will be the pandemic situation in next 5-6 months and for this reason we may miss some of our overseas alumni who are eagerly waiting for this occasion.

Still, with high vaccination numbers and our never say die attitude we will try our level best to organize this Reunion on platinum jubilee of our independence.

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New Normal Reunion 2021



NOTICE

Calcutta National Medical College Alumni Association invites all members for **Special General Body Meeting on 7th August 2021 at 2:00 pm** in the **Alumni Association Office** to form the subcommittees of **70th Reunion** scheduled to be held on **4th 5th & 6th February 2022.**

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Organising Secretary, 70th Reunion 2022

PS : The meeting will be held by maintaining physical distancing and Covid-19 preventive protocol.