Dream to Reality

An Overview of the Alumni Association





Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya

Chaipat, Paschim Medinipur

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Chaipat SPB Mahavidyalaya, a premier institution of higher learning in rural Bengal, has always maintained a strong bond with its students even after their graduation. Recognizing the significance of this continuing relationship, the college took a pioneering step towards institutionalizing alumni involvement through the formation of the Alumni Association. This initiative aims to foster meaningful engagement, mutual growth, and sustained development of both the alumni and the alma mater.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To build and strengthen the lifelong relationship between the alumni and the college.
- To create a platform for interaction among alumni and between alumni and current students.
- To contribute to the academic and infrastructural development of the college.
- To assist students through mentorship, career counseling, and networking opportunities.
- To celebrate the achievements of alumni and acknowledge their contributions to society.

FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

With a view to engaging the former students to the noble mission of the college, a general meeting was conducted on 25th February, 2024 with them.

During this meeting, the collective decision to form an Alumni Association was taken with full consensus. Since then, several steps have been taken to give the association a structured form. With support and encouragement from the college administration and faculty members, the Alumni Association began to function both informally and formally.



STRUCTURE AND WORKING MECHANISM

The Alumni Association formed a core committee comprising President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other executive members. The association conducts regular meetings in both online and offline modes to

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deliberate on plans and policies. Documentation of meeting proceedings is meticulously maintained, and decisions are taken in a democratic manner.

FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first Executive Committee of the Alumni Association of Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya has been constituted with the following office bearers:

President	Mr. Bimal Das
Vice-President	Mr. Durgapada Sahoo
Vice-President	Mr. Swagata Banerjee
Secretary	Mr. Goutam Manna
Joint-Secretary	Mr. Tapas Pal
Joint-Secretary	Mrs. Shilpa Maji
Treasurer	Mr. Ashish Karan
Joint-Treasurer	Mr. Pritam Diyan

This Executive Committee is committed to fostering strong connections between alumni and the institution, and to supporting the holistic development of the college. Since its inception, the Alumni Association has undertaken several commendable initiatives:

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ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN



- Organizing regular meetings for planning and policy formation.
- Participating in college events, seminars, and cultural activities.
- Conducting alumni talks.
- Organizing the Reunion Programme-2025

Report on Alumni Reunion – 2025

The Alumni Association of Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya hosted its much-anticipated



Alumni Reunion – 2025 on Sunday, 9th March 2025, at the college campus. This landmark event was not just a reunion of old friends and classmates but also a celebration of shared memories, institutional

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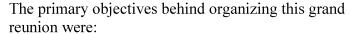
bonding, and a collective vision for the future of the college. The occasion was marked by enthusiastic



participation, cultural expressions, and forward-looking discussions,

making it a memorable milestone in the journey of the Alumni Association.

Objectives of the Reunion



- To reconnect former students with their alma mater.
- To celebrate the contributions of past and present faculty and staff.
- To provide a platform for cultural exchange, memory sharing, and institutional development planning.
- To strengthen the structure and participation of the Alumni Association through open dialogue and suggestions.



Invitation and Coordination

A comprehensive flyer and invitation was circulated well in advance. The flyer included:



- Date & Time: Sunday, 9th March 2025 at 9.30 AM
- Venue: Chaipat SPB Mahavidyalaya Campus
- Registration and Annual Membership Fee: Rs. 200/-
- Voluntary Subscription for the Reunion Programme

Key Contacts and Coordinators:

- Cultural Programme Coordinators: Senjuti Dolai (7478109953), Ashish Karan (7797580408)
- Registration and Fees Collection:
- o Bengali: Ashish Karan, Soumen Chakraborty
- o English: Suman Sasmal, Tapas Paul
- o History: Prasenjit Das
- o Sanskrit: Jagadish Roy, Debdulal Goswami
- General: Aniket Bhattacharya, Swagata Banerjee
- General Enquiries: Bimal Das, Goutam Manna

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Programme Highlights

The event witnessed an overwhelming response with **around 119 former students** attending the programme. The day's events included:

- Registration and Tea
- Opening Ceremony
- Felicitation of Teaching and Non-teaching Staff
- Memory Sharing Sessions
- Indoor Sports Activities (for both male and female alumni)
- Lunch
- Cultural Programme
- Discussion on Future Planning and Initiatives



Guests of Honour

The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries who have played pivotal roles in the growth of the college:

- Swapan Kumar Santra, Former Secretary of the Organizing Committee
- **Arun Kumar Mukherjee**, Present President of the Governing Body
- Soumitra Singha Roy, Governing Body Member



- Smt. Shila Chakraborty, Teacher-in-Charge
- **Dr. Pranay Kanti Das**, IQAC Coordinator

Both offered valuable insights during their addresses, appreciating the alumni's efforts and encouraging greater involvement in future academic and co-curricular projects.

Their speeches inspired both alumni and current staff, emphasizing the importance of alumni engagement in institutional development.

College Leadership in Attendance



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Addresses by the Alumni Association Office Bearers

- **Mr. Bimal Das**, President of the Alumni Association, delivered a heartfelt speech on his journey as an alumnus and expressed deep appreciation for the collective effort that made the event a success.
- Mr. Goutam Manna, Secretary of the Association, provided an overview of:
 - o The functioning and organizational structure of the Alumni Association.
 - o Challenges faced and solutions adopted.
 - o Strategies for long-term engagement.
 - Upcoming plans for institutional support and outreach.

He invited suggestions from all attendees to promote the college's values, visibility, and academic



development.

Cultural Programme and Participation



The post-lunch cultural session brought joy and emotional warmth to the gathering. The session included:

• Dance, Music, Comedy, and Speeches by alumni

- Enthusiastic participation of both male and female alumni
- Emotional storytelling and fond memory-sharing



FacultyParticipation:

- Mira Parai Sen, Department of Bengali
- Susmita Banerjee, Department of English
- Their presence and reflections added academic and emotional depth to the programme.

The **Alumni Reunion 2025** was a vibrant celebration of the legacy and collective spirit of Chaipat

SPB Mahavidyalaya. The active involvement of alumni, faculty, and college leadership reflected the strong foundation of the institution and a promising future. The Alumni Association reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing meaningful relationships and contributing to the holistic development of the college.



CONTRIBUTION OF ALUMNI AS FACULTY MEMBERS

One of the remarkable features of Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya is its ability to nurture talent and foster lasting bonds with its students. This is exemplified by the fact that six of its former students have returned to serve their alma mater as faculty members, demonstrating their dedication and deep sense of belonging to the institution.

These distinguished alumni have been serving the college since 16th August 2018 as State Aided College Teachers (SACTs):

MR. GOUTAM MANNA	• DEPT. OF ENGLISH
MR. PRASANTA RANG	• DEPT. OF ENGLISH
MR. PRANAB KUMAR DIAN	• DEPT. OF HISTORY
MRS. POULOMI CHAKRABORTY	• DEPT. OF BENGALI
MRS. ANJANA GUCHHAIT	• DEPT. OF SANSKRIT
MR. SUBHENDU CHAKRABORTY	• NON-TEACHING FACULTY

Their continued service significantly enriches the academic environment, contributing to both the intellectual and cultural growth of the college. Notably, **Mr. Goutam Manna** currently serves as the **Secretary of the First Executive Committee of the Alumni Association**, further strengthening the bond between alumni and the institution.

This unique synergy between alumni and their alma mater embodies the values of commitment, service, and excellence that define Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya.

While working towards achieving the goals, the ASSOCIATION has observed and recorded the following challenges that require to be addressed properly.

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION CHALLENGES

FORMALIZATION & REGISTRATION CHALLENGES

FINANCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY
CHALLENGES

LIMITED
INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR ALUMNI
ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION CHALLENGES

RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

Communication and Coordination Challenges

Evidence:

- ♦ The initial challenge of coordinating among alumni, especially given that many live in different locations.
- ♦ The use of WhatsApp groups and social media was mentioned as a solution, indicating that coordination had previously been a problem.

Analysis:

- ♦ The absence of a formal digital communication platform (like an alumni portal or newsletter) may hinder consistent engagement.
- ❖ Relying mainly on WhatsApp and informal groups may cause gaps in information flow and record-keeping.

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Formalization and Registration Challenges

Evidence:

The Association is still in the process of formalizing its structure (mentioned: plans to formally register the Association).

Analysis:

- ♦ Operating in an informal or semi-formal manner might limit its ability to raise funds, apply for grants, or collaborate with other institutions.
- ♦ Without legal recognition, the Association may face issues with accountability and governance.

Financial Sustainability Challenges

Evidence:

- ❖ Registration fees and voluntary subscriptions were collected during the reunion, but no mention of a steady financial plan (like an annual membership fee structure, donations, or endowments).
- ♦ There's a vision for a scholarship fund but no mention of it being established yet.

Analysis:

- ♦ Lack of a structured financial model may limit the Association's ability to support students and contribute meaningfully to college development.
- ♦ Relying on one-time donations might not sustain long-term initiatives.

Limited Infrastructure for Alumni Engagement

Evidence:

♦ Plans to create a website and alumni database are still pending.

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Analysis:

- ♦ Without a dedicated alumni web portal, communication and coordination rely heavily on manual processes, which can be time-consuming and error-prone.
- ♦ Tracking alumni contributions, engagement, and event participation becomes challenging.

Engagement and Participation Challenges

Evidence:

♦ Participation at the reunion was approximately 119, which is a good start but might be low considering the number of graduates over the years.

Analysis:

- ♦ Some alumni may feel disconnected from the institution due to geographical or professional commitments.
- ❖ Engaging busy alumni and encouraging regular participation in meetings, activities, and donations could be challenging.

Resource Constraints

Evidence:

- ♦ The event relied on voluntary contributions and in-kind support.
- ♦ Teachers and alumni members are multitasking—handling coordination, planning, and execution.

Analysis:

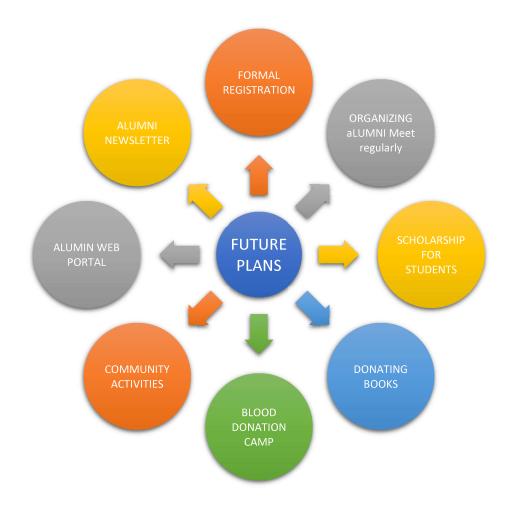
- ♦ Human resource limitations may affect the quality and scale of alumni activities.
- ♦ Overdependence on a small group of enthusiastic members could lead to burnout.

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FUTURE PLANS

The Association envisions a vibrant and impactful future with initiatives such as:

- ♦ Formal registration of the Association under relevant legal frameworks.
- ♦ Launching an alumni newsletter to share updates and maintain communication.
- ♦ Organizing an annual Alumni Meet.
- ♦ Establishing a scholarship fund for meritorious and needy students.
- ♦ Creating an Alumni web portal for database management and interaction.
- ♦ Organizing community activities
- ♦ Donating books to the college library
- ♦ Organizing blood donation camp



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THUS, The Alumni Association of Chaipat Saheed Pradyot Bhattacharya Mahavidyalaya stands as a testament to the enduring bond between the college and its former students. It is a dynamic and evolving body committed to the betterment of the institution and its stakeholders. With strategic planning and enthusiastic participation, the Association is poised to significantly contribute to the academic and cultural legacy of the college.