



Minutes of the 4th (Fourth) Alumni Meet (General Body Meeting) of the Utkal Statistics Alumni Association (USAA) held on 28.01.2018 (Sunday).

The 4th (Fourth) Alumni Meet of the Utkal Statistics Alumni Association (USAA) was held under the Chairmanship of Dr Jitendriya Sarangi, President of the Association, in the PG Council Conference Hall, Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar on 28.01.2018 (Sunday). Registration of participants started sharp at 09:30 am and each participant was given a set of reference materials i.e. (i) the programme for the day, (ii) a copy of the Annual Report of USAA for the year 2016-17, and (iii) a copy of the Souvenir “**Q&A – 2018**” the second issue in its series.

The Alumni meet was organised in 3 (three) sessions i.e. (i) Inaugural Session, (ii) Interactive Session, and the (iii) Entertainment Session with a Lunch Break in the middle.

I. INAUGURAL SESSION: (10:00 am to 11:30 am)

Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, Director (Higher Education) was invited as Chief Guest of the day. Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University and Dr Brahmananda Satapathy, Chairman PG Council, Utkal University were invited as Guests of Honour to this occasion.

At the outset, the Utkal University Theme Song was played in a pin drop silence atmosphere.

Sri Rabindra Kumar Mohanty, Vice-President, USAA, gave an overwhelming warm welcome address on the occasion. He extended his hearty welcome to Dr Jitendriya Sarangi, Hon'ble President USAA, Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, Hon'ble DPI (H E, Odisha), Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University, Dr Brahmananda Satapathy, Hon'ble Chairman PG Council, Utkal University as well as all the Alumni Members present on the occasion.

After the welcome address, an Opening Chorus Song with instruments, “Bande Hain hum Uske” was staged by students of the PG Department of Statistics, Sri Kamalakants Sahoo 6th yr, Ms Prajna Prasamita Mohanty 6th yr, Ms Deeptimayee Panda 6th yr, Ms Sangita Barik 6th yr, Sri Bikash Kanday 5th yr, Sri Satayu Santiduta Panda 5th yr, Ms Padmabati Samantaray 6th yr and Ms Shubhasmita Das 5th yr.

- (i) For kind information of esteemed guests and the Alumni Members, **the President, USAA** gave a brief account of the initiatives taken and the progress made during the last year by the Alumni Association. He indicated that after the Second Meet (29.01.2017), few more initiatives have been taken by the USAA on the basis of the suggestions that came from the members as well as the initiatives of the Executive Committee. These are;
- a. A good number of seminars and workshops were organised in the Department with the help of Alumni members that will provide good exposure to the students of the Department.
 - b. To promote and popularise the subject “Statistics” in the State, USAA in collaboration with the P G Department of Statistics has launched Statistics Olympiad in our State during 2017 named “Statistics Olympiad – 2017” for + 2 students. As a beginning this Olympiad was conducted in a limited scale at three Centres (i) PG Department of Statistics, Utkal University, (ii) Govt Autonomous College, Rourkella and (iii) Kendrapada Autonomous College, Kendrapada on 10.12.2017 (Sunday). We received good response and we will take up this programme in a bigger scale in the next year. The rank holders will be given their prize today.
 - c. With a view to improving vocabulary among students of Statistics, USAA in collaboration with the PG Department of Statistics, Utkal University organised a Debate Competition on 19.01.2018. The rank holders will be awarded their prize today.
 - d. Stating that USAA has many more agenda to go ahead, the President expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Alumni Members and the PG Department of Statistics for their contribution in achieving many of the agenda items during the last year and he solicited cooperation of all concerned in carrying the objectives of USAA further more in future.

- e. The USAA had made an endeavour to bring out a souvenir called souvenir “USAA” (ଭବନ: 2018) the second in its series. On the request of the President, the souvenir (ଭବନ: 2018) was released by Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, Hon’ble DPI (HE, Odisha) and circulated among the members.
- (ii) Hon’ble Guest of Honour, Dr Brahmananda Satapathy, Chairman PG Council, Utkal University in addressing the Meet expressed that USAA has created an opportunity for the Department to work in a strategic manner for all-round growth and prospect of the subject and guide the pass outs in a better way to build up their career in their subject.
- (iii) Hon’ble Guest of Honour, Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University in his address expressed that the subject matter “Statistics” has wide range of application in different fields. He personally felt that not only that the subject should open in under-graduate levels, there is also need for imparting training on applied branches of Statistics to the students so that students will opt for the subject keeping in view their future career prospect.
- (iv) On the request of the President, Sri Banshidhar Mahapatra, General Secretary, USSA read out the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 2016-17 for information of esteemed members of USAA and all concerned. He gave a detailed account of various activities done by the USAA during last year, the present position and the steps to be taken ahead which was reflected in the Annual Report 2016-17 that had been circulated in the meeting. In giving the receipt and expenditure position of USAA during the year 2016-17, he stated that the opening balance at the beginning of the year was Rs.2327.95 (cash in hand “nil” and cash in Bank Rs.2327.95). The total receipt during the year was of the order of Rs.2,08,615.07 that included registration fee of Rs.20,000.00, contribution by Members of Rs.163,300.00, donation of Rs.25,000.00 and Bank interest of Rs.315.07. As against this, payments was of the order of Rs.181,400.00 that included Rs.750.00 towards printing and stationery, Rs.5,000.00 towards website, Rs.65,300.00 towards the Third Alumni Meet, Rs.2,000.00 towards Audit Fees, Rs.7,805.00 towards repayment of loan, Rs.100,000.00 towards fixed deposit (corpus fund) and the rest of Rs.545.00 towards miscellaneous expenses. The closing balance at the end of the year was of the order of Rs.29,543.02 (cash in hand Rs.300.00 and cash in Bank Rs.29,243.02). The account for the year 2016-17 has since been audited and the Audit Report is available in office. He also stated that for effective discharge of the functions of USAA, the Executive Committee is meeting at regular intervals. However, he solicited the cooperation of all the members in strengthening USAA and making it vibrant. He also requested all the Alumni Members to please give their considered opinion and valued suggestions for better functioning of USAA.
- (v) Hon’ble Chief Guest Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, DPI (Higher Education) in his inaugural address, expressed his satisfaction on the systematic and effective functioning of USAA and the tangible progress made during a short span of three years. He appreciated the concern of the USAA and the PG Department of Statistics that the subject “Statistics” is passing through a critical situation. He realised that in view of multidimensional application of the subject in different fields and the scope of good employment avenues for the students, there is need for opening the subject in under-graduate levels and filling of teaching posts in colleges. He expressed that as DPI, he will support the cause of the subjects as and when problems are brought to his knowledge. He advised USAA and the Department to focus on quality of teaching and work for its expansion and popularisation in the State.

- (vi) On the occasion of this Alumni Meet, Dr Jitendriya Sarangi, President, USAA felicitated Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, DPI (Higher Education, Odisha) and Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University on behalf of USAA.
- (vii) At the end, Dr Jitendriya Sarangi, President USAA requested the Chief Guest to please distribute cash prize and certificates to the rank holders in (a) MA / MSc examination in Statistics (2017), (b) Statistics Olympiad 2017 and (c) Debate Competition conducted by USAA. Accordingly, prizes and certificates were given to the rank holders on the occasion as under.

SI / Rank	Award / Rank	Name & Address of the Awardees	Amount (in Rs)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A	Topper in Statistics from Utkal University: 2017		
1	1	Sri Umakanta Sahoo S/o Sri Udayanath Sahoo for securing the first position in M A / M Sc Examination in Statistics, 2017 from Utkal University.	10,000/-
		Total (A)	10,000/-
B	Statistics Olympiad Examination: 2017		
2	1	Sri Paramananda Das, S/o Sri Kamala Lochan Das, of S.C.S Junior College, Puri,	5,000/-
3	2	Miss Arpita Behera, D/o Sri Ganeswar Behera, of Ispat Vidya Mandir, Rourkela.	3,000/-
4	3 (jointly)	Miss Swastika Panda, D/o Dr Kunja Bihari Panda, of DAV Public School, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar.	2,000/-
5	3 (jointly)	Sri Gyanaranjan Sahoo, S/o Sri Harihara Sahoo, of College of Basic Science & Humanities, Bhubaneswar	2,000/-
		Total (B)	12,000/-
C	Debate Competition Conducted by USAA: 2017		
6	1 (jointly)	Miss Khushi Agarwal, from B J B (Auto.) College, Bhubaneswar,	1,500/-
7	1 (jointly)	Sri Kaibalya Pattnaik, from B J B (Auto.) College, Bhubaneswar,	1,500/-
8	2	Miss Jasmine Mohanty, from B J B (Auto.) College, Bhubaneswar,	1,000/-
9	3	Miss Ramneet Kaur, from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar,	750/-
		Total (C)	4,750/-
		Grand Total (A+B+C)	26,750/-

- (viii) Dr Priya Ranjan Dash, Working-President and Head of the PG Department of Statistics acknowledged that the gracious presence of Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, IAS, DPI (HE), as Chief Guest, Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University as Guest of Honour and Dr Brahmananda Satapathy, Chairman PG Council, Utkal University as Guest of Honour to this occasion has been immensely useful. The guidance and the advice received from them will no doubt help us in taking forward the objectives of the USAA in right direction. He extended his heartfelt thanks to Sri Dharendra Kumar Patnaik, Dr Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, and Dr Brahmananda Satapathy Dr Jitendriya Sarangi, President USAA for the valuable time they had spared in attending this meeting and the guidance given by them. He also expressed that the Utkal Statistics Alumni Association (USAA) has made considerable progress during a short period. He promised that the Department and the USAA will go hand in hand and will jointly work out modalities for growth and prospect of the subject as well as for securing better career prospect

of the students. Many of our Alumni members, our students and the faculty members had been working day and night for this meet starting from planning, arrangement of different activities including invitation of Guests and as well as invitation of Alumni Members. Dr Das extended his thanks to one and all involved in the process of arrangement of this meet. With this, the inaugural session ended over a cup of tea.

II. INTERACTIVE SESSION: (11:30 am to 01:30 pm)

More than 200 Alumni Members attended this meet. They were quite amused to have attended the meet and eager to see their old friends, teachers and to interact as well with Alumni Members across the batches within the same premises where they did their PG Degree in the past. Since individual introduction of all members was considered time consuming, Members who attended this meet anew came to the dais, gave their introduction and interacted with the audience. As observed, more than 40 Alumni Members across the batches had attended this meeting anew. They along with some members from the audience gave some useful advice to the younger generation as well as good suggestions for better functioning of the USAA.

LUNCH BREAK: (01:30 Pm to 02:30 pm)

III. ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMM: (02:30 pm to 05:30 pm)

PG Part I and Part II students and selected Alumni Members had practiced and arranged some entertainment programmes for this meet under the guidance of Sri Prachetas Priyotosh (1988). They had played few nice and enjoyable programmes listed below during this session.

- A solo song “Nazm Nazm” from the film “Bareilly ki Barfi” was song by Ms Padmabati Samantaray of 6th yr student which was quite amazing.
- A group dance was staged on the album song “Nachunga Gaunga” by Sri Rama Narayan Kar 6th yr, Sri Saijyoti Satyaprakash Sethy, 5th yr and Sri Bikash Kanday 5th yr. The performance was quite natural and enjoyable.
- A solo song “Abhimanini” from the film “Ulka” was song by Ms Prajna Prasamita Mohanty of 6th yr which was lively and amazing.
- A duet song “Zehnaseeb” from the film “Hasi to Phasee” was performed by 6th yr students Sri Kamalakanta Sahoo and Padmabati Samantaray that was well enjoyed by the audience.
- A duet dance on “Bollywood Mix” was performed by 5th yr students Ms Nikita Lal and Ms Lipsa Priyadarshini to the satisfaction of the audience.
- A solo song through “Guitar and Keyboard” was played by Sri Prachetas Priyotosh (1988) and Sri Sourav Padhee a 6th yr student which was enjoyed by the audience in pin drop silence.
- A duet dance on “Bollywood Mix” was performed by students Sri Rama Narayan Kar 6th yr and Sri Saijyoti Satyaprakash Sethy, 5th yr which was well enjoyed by the audience.
- A duet song “Gajal Gajal” from the film “Abhaya” was performed by 6th yr students Ms Padmabati Samantaray and Sri Pranaya Ranjan Pradhan. It was quite enjoyed by the audience.
- A duet song “Deunchi Mo Baan Akhi” from an Album performed by 6th yr students Ms Prajna Pasamita Mohanty and Ms Padmabati Samantaray that amused the audience.
- The entertainment programme was so amusing that there was performed an “Antakshyari Competition” spontaneously on the spot between the students vrs the alumni. While almost all students took part in the competition, Ms Sujaja Priyambada Parida (1995) and Ms Kshitishwari Mishra (2000) took the lead role from the side of alumni.

Vote of Thanks:

Dr Kunja Behari Panda, Executive Member (alumni Relations) expressed his satisfaction over the grand success of this Fourth Alumni Meet. This has been possible due to participation of alumni members in greater number, their proactive interaction as well as constructive suggestions given by them. Dr Panda extended his deep sense of gratitude and thanks to one and all the alumni members present on the occasion as well as those who have conveyed their good wishes.

Dr Panda further indicated that a set of dedicated alumni members and our students voluntarily came forward and distributed different activities of the meet among them starting from invitation of guests and participants, arrangement and practice of cultural programme, drafting and printing of reference materials, printing of the souvenir, collection of funds, and the many. Had they not come forward voluntarily in a dedicated manner, it would not have been successful as we enjoyed today. He extended his heartfelt thanks to one and all these organizers for their dedicated contribution.

He expressed his deep satisfaction and gratitude for the pains taken by different teams in performing their activities and programmes on this occasion starting from registration of alumni to valediction of the meet in a smooth, timely and cordial manner. The registration team was quite polite, hospitable and punctual. Our artists had spent good deal of time in practicing their role in advance and their performances of cultural programmes were quite amusing and enjoyable. He thanked all the performers of entertainment programmes and Sri Prachetas Priyotosh (1988) who had spent a lot of time in guiding them day and night. Decoration, light, sound and music arrangements were excellent. Tea, snacks and the lunch was not only of good quality and palatable but it was served timely. Stage arrangement and stage management was excellent. Photographs and videos of conspicuous occasions have been recorded which will remain as our memory for the future. He expressed his thanks to Ms Manisha Toppo a 6th year student who had handled anchoring all through the entire programme so that the programme was so lively. He also thanked Ms Ambika Pathak and Ms Ramneet Kaur of 5th yr who had made the entertainment programme so lively through their attractive anchoring. This apart, lot many persons and wings had extended their cooperation in organizing this meet including hall arrangement, decoration, light and sound, etc. He acknowledged all their contribution and extended his heartfelt thanks to one and all.

With this, the Alumni Meet was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Bhubaneswar:
Dated: 28.01.2018

Sd/- J Sarangi)
PRESIDENT