

**Minutes of Alumni Meeting through Webinar of  
Department of Statistics, University of Allahabad**

**Time: 6-9 PM**

**Date: 14/06/2020**

Alumni are very important stakeholders in any Educational Institutions, who show the right path to the next generation of that institute. The University of Allahabad understands the importance of this tradition and its motto “Quot Rami Tot Arbores” (As many branches so many trees) reflects this. When an archaic student meets his classmates, it becomes nostalgic; it was time for feeling young again.

The meeting with alumni of Department of statistics was scheduled on 14.06.2020. The agenda of the meeting was:

- (1) Introduction of all members: Get to Know each other
- (2) Interaction among the alumni
- (3) Developing mechanism for consistent interaction
- (4) Role of Alumni in the development of Department of Statistics, University of Allahabad

A sub-committee from among the alumni was formed to smoothly conduct the webinar of the alumni:

1. Sri Onkar Pathak
2. Sri Sanjay Mishra
3. Sri Alok Pandey
4. Sri Atul Kumar
5. Ms Srilekha Bhattacharya
6. Dr Niyati Joshi
7. Ms Hema Jaiswal
8. Dr Himanshu Katyan

Statistics alumni, University of Allahabad online meet was conducted on June 14, 2020 at Google Meet. This was our first online meet attended by approximately 70 participants. These participants include current and retired Faculty members, previous students from the 1970 batch until recent years, and the currently enrolled students in the Department of Statistics.

Daughters of Late Professor S.K.Bhattacharya Bhattacharya, Ms Srilekha Bhattacharya and Ms Srutilekha Bhattacharya, the first Professor of Statistics and Head of

Department also attended this session. Ms Hema Jaiswal (Deputy Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Delhi) and Dr. Niyati Joshi (Director, Government of India) based in Delhi conducted this meet. Other key organisers included Shri Onkar Nath Pathak, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax (Retd.), Shri Sanjay Mishra (Joint Resident Commissioner, Mumbai), Professor Alok Pandey (College of Southern Nevada, USA), Shri Atul Kumar, Government of Girls Intermediate College - Chitbara Gaon, Associate District Inspector of School, Ballia UP and Shri Himanshu Katyan (Data Scientist, United Kingdom).

The session started with introductory remarks from Professor Lalitha and retired Professor G.S. Pandey. Alumni for the Department currently placed in different locations around the world including India, USA, UK, and Australia shared their valuable experience and journey at the Department of Allahabad and about their career progression. Many participants were well placed in the Central Government Department of Government of India, State Government, Central University. Participants from abroad were mostly working in Universities, departments like National Institute for Health, USA, and multinational companies like Microsoft and HSBC too. Some of them are also alumni of Indian Statistical Institute - Kolkata.

Many participants shared their views about how their education in Statistics from Allahabad has created pathways for further career progression. Dr. Ram Chand Tiwari, distinguished alumni currently working as Director, Division of Biostatistics, CDRH, Food & Drug Analysis, and was also served Mathematical Statistician at National Cancer Institute - NIH, USA shared his experience and journey which started from the Department of Statistics, University of Allahabad to his current position. Retired Professor from the Department Professor Anoop Chaturvedi also gave his blessing to all the participants and shared his happiness with their old student's progress.

Few participants said that their experience and bonding with fellow students and the academic environment in the University had also played a great role in their successful completion of this course from the Department and building their career. Sanjay Mishra and Professor Alok Pandey especially highlighted the importance of forming an Alumni group from your subject and University. Such alumni groups can create a support network, not just for the current students for guidance and support, but for the previous students to help each other professionally and personally. Current Students expressed their happiness on organising this meet and making them part of this Alumni group.

Daughters of Professor Bhattacharya shared some important memories of her father's involvement in the Department and his bonding with the students in the department was

commendable. Alumni from the Department also shared their story about how he helped them to achieve this position where they are currently. In order to recognize the contribution of Late Professor Bhattacharya for the Department, Alumni from the Department decided to provide a Gold Medal for the topper in the Department of Statistics, University of Allahabad to applaud the achievements of the current students performing remarkably well in the field of Statistics.

Post that, Sanjay Mishra ji took the participants down the memory lane to relive the years 1980s- 1995 by sharing the pictures of Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya. The formal introduction started with Pandey sir, followed by Lalita madam, Pathak ji and others. Pathak ji shared notes of Prof. Bhattacharya which made the participants feel his LIVE presence in the session. Anup Chaturvedi sir (attributed as CUTE by one of the students) shared about his Good old days, the kind of mischiefs he had done and responded to his old students who tried to remind him about the specific events of those golden days at AU. Ram Chand Tiwari Sir tried to recognize the old students, discussed about his current work and family and his visits to India for personal as well as academic work. Aditya ji told about the "adhyatma" aspect along with statistics which he learnt from Prof. Bhattacharya. Sanjay Mishra ji mentioned about his contribution towards the welfare of migrants in MP. Neel Kamal Sharma ji shared his experience about taking guidance from Prof. Bhattacharya not only for academics but also about life- career path etc. Alok Pandey ji shared about his personal experiences with Prof. Bhattacharya, Chaturvedi sir and other faculties. He acknowledged the fact that formation of this group is a great effort in impacting the welfare of current batches of Statistics at Allahabad University. He also shared his experience of getting encouragement from Prof. Bhattacharya for higher studies after passing from AU, support from Atul ji's sister while he went to USA for higher studies and his journey from INDIA to USA. The participants got the opportunity of enjoying his song too.

The faculties were feeling proud that the students they taught at Allahabad university have been great achievers in life. They are placed globally not only in the field of Statistics but also in varied fields like Data science, Banks, Legal practice, Health, IT, Civil services etc.

Overall, the meet lasted for more than three hours with the active participation of every member of this Alumni. Looking at the enthusiasm of the participants, it was also decided to continue such an online meet in the future.

The participants were full of life while they interacted with each other. The participants witnessed the emotional bonding which is NOT lost with the passage of time. There were 5 representations from Balia district of UP (Sanjay ji, Atul ji, -Shubham Mishra, Himanshu Katyan and Shaliin Mishra) who contributed to a great extent to make the

session light, LIVE and interactive along with Hema Jaiswal. Dr. Niyati Joshi and Dr Himanshu Katyan helped recognize many students and promptly introduced the faculties as and when they joined. The technical support support given by Himanshu ji and coordination support by Alok Pandey ji, Niyati ji, Hema ji, Sanjay ji, Atul ji and Pathak ji for organizing this Google meet prior to the session and during the session is worth appreciating.

The action points decided are as given below:

1. It was proposed to have contribution from our end for provisioning of gold medal in the memory of Late Prof S.K.Bhattacharya to be given to meritorious students of M.Sc. (Statistics) at Allahabad university.
2. One of the participants (Neeraj Chaturvedi ji) has opened 2 software companies and is interested in opening another one at Allahabad. The potential candidate should be willing to stay at Allahabad for long term. The group can assist him finding such entrepreneur.
3. Dr. Sandeep Mishra requested to include Tyagi ji PHD student of Prof. Bhattacharya) in the group.
4. Next meeting can be an introductory round followed by further meetings with specific agenda.
5. It was proposed to develop a website of the alumni.
6. it was shared that any of alumni may contact anyone for possible sharing academic resources and attempt to lasting relationship
7. Developments in the field of Statistics must come to the Department of Statistics, University of Allahabad and alumni must attempt for this.
8. We may come out with an academic research that misuse of data creates a lot of problems for users and policy makers and disturbs the population in general.

Convenors of the meet Ms Hema Jaiswal and Dr Niyati Joshi concluded the session suggesting that the current students should be provided enough support and guidance about how to build their career in the field of statistics. She suggested the Alumni working in the private industry should try to start recruitment of these bright master and bachelor pass out from the Department.

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**Participants of Alumni Meeting through Webinar of Department of Statistics,  
University of Allahabad dated : 14.06.2020**

Sr. No.	Name(Dr./Mr/Miss)	Batch
1.	Dr. G.S. Pandey	Retd. Professor
2.	Dr. Anoop Chaturvedi	Professor
3.	Dr.S. Lalitha	HOD
4.	Dr Ram C. Tiwari	
5.	Mr. Abhinav srivastava	
6.	Dr Abhay Tiwari	
7.	Mr. Aditya Shomvansi	
8.	Dr Akanksha Singh	
9.	Dr. Alok Pandey	
10.	Miss. Anchal Gupta	
11.	Dr. Ashutosh shukla	M.sc.2005
12.	Dr. Arvind Shrivastava	M.sc.2003
13.	Dr. Aradhana Shrivastava	M.sc.2005
14.	Dr. Arvind Pandey	M. sc. 1999
15.	Mr. Arvind Singhal	
16.	Mr. Atul Kumar	M.Sc. 1988
17.	Mr. Avinash Srivastava	
18.	Ms. Bharti Singh	
19.	Mr. Dharama Raj	
20.	Mr. Dwarika Mishra	
21.	Mr. D.K. Ojha	M.sc.1993
22.	Mr. Himanshu Shukla	
23.	Ms Hema Jaiswal	M.Sc.2002
24.	Dr Himanshu Katyan	
25.	Mr. Dwarika Mishra	
26.	Dr. Jitendra Kumar	M.Sc. 2001
27.	Miss. Jagriti Gupta	
28.	Mr. Lalji Yadav	M.Sc. 2009
29.	Mr. Nausheen Musharrf	
30.	Dr. Neel Kamal Sharama	
31.	Dr. Onkar Nath Pathak	
32.	Mr. Niraj Chaturvedi	M.Sc. 1992
33.	Dr. Niyati Joshi	M.Sc.1998
34.	Miss. Priya Dubey	
35.	Miss Priya Pal	M.Sc. 2009

36.	Mr. Rajneesh Dwivedi	
37.	Dr. Ram Chandra Tiwari	
38.	Dr. Randhir Singh	Professor , E.C.C.
39.	Mr. Rohit Patwa	
40.	Miss Saniya Akber	
41.	Mr Sanjay Mishra	
42.	Dr. Sandeep Mishra	
43.	Mr. Santosh Tiwari	
44.	Ms Shalini Mishra	
45.	Mr. Sharad Kant Arya	
46.	Mr. Shashi Shekhar	
47.	Mr. Shikhar Jaiswal	
48.	Ms Shilpa Singh	
49.	Dr Shinjita Agrawal	M.Sc. 1998
50.	Mr. Shiv Prakash	
51.	Mr. Shubham Mishra	
52.	Ms Shweta Sharama	
53.	Ms Srlekha Bhattacharya	BA 1997
54.	Miss Sruti Bhattacharya	
55.	Dr Tanuja Srivastava	
56.	Mr. Vidhukanta Mishra	
57.	Dr. Vidhyadhar Tripathi	
58.	Mr. Vinay Kumar Tiwari	
59.	Ms Kartika Pandiya	
60.	Ms Maya Singh	