

CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION VIDYA-BHAVANA, VISVA-BHARATI

CJMC Alumni Association:

A group of former students (across batches) of Centre for Journalism and Mass Communication (CJMC), Visva-Bharati came together and formulated the alumni association of the department. It is formally named as 'CJMC Alumni Association, Visva-Bharati'.

The body held its first official meeting on April 21, 2024 and thereafter holds meeting at regular intervals. The body consists of eight founding members among which four members have been unanimously selected as office bearers. The details of all the members are given below:

- 1. Sharmistha Chakraborty, President (Batch 2005-2007)
- 2. Sulagna Maitra, Vice-President (Batch 2020-2022)
- 3. Madhumanti Sengupta, Secretary (Batch 2015-2017)
- 4. Kunal Jha, Treasurer (Batch 2008-2010)
- 5. Debasrita Chakraborty, Founding Member (Batch 2015-2017)
- 6. Sourav Chakraborty, Founding Member (Batch 2006-2007)
- 7. Priyanka Roy, Founding Member (Batch 2007-2009)
- 8. Esha Chakraborty, Founding Member (Batch 2011-2013)

Past Activities of the Alumni Body:

The Alumni Association with support from CJMC, Visva-Bharati organised its first official Alumni Meet on 9th January, 2025. What made the event truly special was the celebration marking 25 years of CJMC. The occasion was graced by the esteemed faculty, guest faculty and mentors, support staff and a host of former and current students of the department. Professors as well as the mentors took the stage to reflect on their interactions with former students and the evolution of the department. The program also included vibrant cultural performances by current students that added energy and emotion to the evening. The event concluded with a joyful cultural evening and a dinner, providing a space for alumni, faculty, and students to reconnect and celebrate the spirit of CJMC community. As a mark of gratitude, the alumni association presented three books to the CJMC departmental library.

Upcoming/Planned Activities:

• Starting from November 2025 onwards, the alumni body in association with CJMC will launch a monthly alumni lecture series. It will provide a platform for knowledge exchange and

mentorship, designed to support professional development and meaningful connections between current students and alumni. Each session will feature a distinguished alumnus who will share their professional insights, career experiences, and valuable advice. This initiative aims to create a space for dialogue and networking, helping students to gain practical guidance as they prepare for their future careers.

 A structured and formal process will be rolled out soon to on board new members in the Association.

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