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Friends,

Through this brief report, I speak to you today in the capacity of President of the newly formed Alumni Association of this Great College.

You are all aware that although our College started functioning approximately 40 years ago, somehow no formal Alumni Association existed during all these years which could bring together thousands of students of this College, who passed out in different years after pursuing different graduation programmes offered by the College.

Although I passed out my very first formal University Degree, i.e. B.Com (Hons.) way back in 1974, memories of my entire stint in the College are as fresh as if they happened just few weeks ago. 36 long years have passed but I can still clearly remember faces and names of many of my class fellows as well as the Lecturers, who contributed very effectively for the growth of my professional career. While remembering all those efforts and the wonderful time that I had in early 70's, I am very very confident that each one of you also has similar emotional bondage with this College due to excellent time that she or he has spent in the initial formative years of his/ her career.

Friends, this College have given us a lot. At least the Graduation Programme that each one of us pursued from this College became an important stepping stone for the progress in rest of our life. My subsequent degrees would not have come to me as smoothly as they did if the foundation of my first degree programme from this College was not as strong as it turned out to be. Thanks to the wonderful faculty that this College provided to us in those days.

It is with these wonderful thoughts that me and my colleagues on the Governing Body, which prompted us to immediately jump in to the idea of contributing in the infancy stage of this Alumni Association, which was formed just few months ago i.e. on 2nd May, 2010.

SOME OF THE MAIN AIMS AND OBJECTS

1. Playing a significant role in the placement of students of the College in reputed organizations.
2. Providing a Forum for members of the Association to interact in useful and constructive manner.
3. To spread brotherhood and friendship to achieve high degree of belongingness with the College and the Society.
4. To assist in arranging financial help and other help to the students and other members of the Alumni Association.
5. To promote inter se, personal and friendly relations through interactive meetings and get-togethers.

PROGRESS IN SIX MONTHS

Although just six months have passed since the formation of the Association, adequate contribution from each of the Governing Body member in spite of their very busy schedule, has resulted into some visible progress such as :-

1. Registration of about 70 ex-students of the College as Life Members of the Association.
2. Finalisation of Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Association.
3. Initiation of process of Registration of the Association as a “*Society*” under Society Registration Act.
4. Compilation of Accounts & audit of those Accounts for approximately first six months of the Association’s existence.
5. Commencement of lecture series for the benefit of students of the College. The first one being on ‘*Personality Development*’ attended by large number of students on 22nd November, 2010.

Friends, since your Governing Body is fully conscious of the fact that the best known institutions and Universities of the world like Harvard, Cambridge, Stanford, North Western University, University of Toronto etc. enjoyed immense reputation partly because of quality of their Alumni Association. Hectic efforts are being made to take this Association also to such height, which is adequate enough

to prompt young students seeking admissions to this College by evaluating the careers of we Alumni, who have passed out from this College. A lot will have to be done for reaching such height in a short time. The collective capability of your present Governing Body of just 20 members will definitely not prove enough to achieve such high goals. Each one of us and each one of those, who will be joining the Association in near future will have to contribute his/ her might to ensure a grand success of the Association in shortest possible time. If this happens, it will be a great service to the College and young students, who join it with great hopes and aspirations.

CONCLUSION

While concluding this brief message, I cannot help but to remember the last few lines of the famous poem "*the Stream*" liked by Jawaharlal Nehru the most :

*"Miles to go before I sleep
Miles to go before I sleep"*

Friends, I appeal to all of you to come and join me in our pledge of contributing to the best interests of the Association in the most effective manner in the shortest possible time.

Thank you.

