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Occasion	HNBGU Alumni Association Virtual Meet
Theme	Alumni Connect
Organised by	Managing Committee HNBGU Alumni Association
Conducted by	Managing Committee, President (Prof.S.C Bagri), Vice President (Prof. Anoop Dobriyal), Secretary (Mahipal Singh Rawat) &, Co-ordinator (Prof. Seema Dhawan.)

The Alumni Association Virtual Meet held a webinar themed "Alumni Connect" on 24th August 2021, under the auspices of Hon. Vice-Chancellor and Managing Committee HNBGU Alumni Association.

The objective of the meeting was to encourage all stakeholders, members, and eminent alumni to share their thoughts and ideas about strengthening the Alumni Association and increasing its outreach.

Attendees included 42 registered members and viewers, and the following distinguished members shared their thoughts on advancing the university and enhancing the alumni network.

1. Prof. Annpurna Nautiyal (Hon. Vice-Chancellor)
2. Prof. S.C Bagri (President)
3. Prof. Anoop Dobriyal (Vice President)
4. Dr S.K Khanduri (IFS, Former IG Forest)
5. Shri.Mantri Prasad Naithani (Former Minister Uttarakhand Govt.)
6. Shri. Kalyan Singh Rawat (Padma Shri)
7. Prof.A.R Nautiyal (Ex. Dean School of Agriculture and Allied Sciences)
8. Pro. R.C Ramola (Foreign Students Office, HNBGU)
9. Mahipal Singh Rawat (Secretary)

Here are the minutes of the webinar -



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Prof. S.C Bagri (President) formally inaugurated the webinar and apprised about the HNBGU Alumni Association. He shared the journey of the rejuvenation of the association and its core strengths. He further mentioned that the theme “Alumni Connect” encapsulated the confluence of all the renowned invitees who have their roots in HNB Garhwal University.

During his address, Prof. Bagri stressed the importance of alumni contributing to the upliftment of their Alma Mater by extending professional support through campus placement, vocational training and other means.

Prof. Annapurna Nautiyal (VC) appreciated the whole concept of the webinar and congratulated the entire team for making the virtual meet possible. She discussed how the University Administration is like a stem that plays an integral part in ensuring a sound educational ecosystem.

Students need mentoring support for choosing the right career path and a combination of technology and human intervention in channelling talents and placing them in the right spot, added the Vice-Chancellor. She also thanked President, Prof. SC Bagri and Secretary, Mr Mahipal Singh Rawat for organising the webinar on such short notice. The forum appreciated the efforts of the VC in this regard.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the importance of strengthening the Alumni Association, which was agreed upon by all. She cited an example of IIT Alumni Association Endowment Funds, which are building a corpus for the welfare of the students and their Alma Mater.

Shri Kalyan Singh Rawat Padma Shri, a retired teacher who sowed the seeds of the Maiti Movement from Gwaldadam, Chamoli has pioneered a unique environmental initiative aimed at environment protection through afforestation. Shri Rawat talked about the relationship between teachers and their students and how his students approached him even after he retired and sought his advice when they needed it.

His emphasis was on the friendly relationship with nature that forms the basis of our lives. During his last remarks, he stated that if every student of the university became sensitive and aware of the environment, there would be fewer complications.

Shri Mantri Prasad Naithani reminisced about the good old days at Garhwal University. The skills he had gained from attending university have always been a benefit to him. In his remarks, he touched upon a variety of topics.



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Dr S.K Khanduri also reminisced his university days with the professors in the forum and his witty storytelling style amused both viewers and invitees. He gave a sound message to the students that the speed of execution coupled with a robust system is absolutely necessary for sustenance. To achieve success, he said that we must constantly improve and set new benchmarks.

Prof. A.R Nautiyal addressed sensitive research related issues and emphasized the necessity of a need-based analysis as a method. Such initiatives will gain credibility, thereby providing a launchpad for research scholars.

Prof. Anoop Dobiriyal suggested setting up a chair in Prof. H.R. Singh's name. Prof. Dobiriyal noted that the concept of the Alumni Association evolved for needs from both the ends- academicians and professionals, with the aim of building a bridge between college life and career.

Prof. R.C Ramola focused his views on bringing foreign nationals to the university. In his words, the aforementioned factors can help us build our brand as a destination of choice for foreigners.

Prof. Seema Dhawan enlivened the event by quoting from the books of late former President Abdul Kalam.

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by the Shri Mahipal Singh Rawat (Secretary), who recalled the journey of the Alumni Association. Mr Rawat discussed with the members and speakers the various activities initiated to raise awareness of the various topics of importance to the Alumni Association. Following are a few points that he touched on:

1. Ideas for strengthening the Alumni Association and increasing its outreach.
2. Professional support to the students through campus placement, vocational training and other means
3. Providing a platform for budding talents
4. Driving student welfare initiatives through digital/IT platforms.

The webinar was a perfect ensemble of intellectual insights and thought-provoking discussions. The event was successful in bringing together members, esteemed professors, and mentors on such an auspicious day. The webinar was closed with a vote of thanks by Mahipal Singh Rawat to all the invitees for their active participation and to Prof. Seema Dhawan for conducting a successful webinar.

Best Regards,
Mahipal Singh Rawat
Secretary, Alumni Association



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