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President's note



Dear Members of JUAn Toronto,

As we bring you the April issue of our newsletter, I would like to begin on a reflective note.

Over the past year, we lost one of our most cherished members, Rabin Chatterjee, a founding member of JUAn Toronto. His passing was a profound loss for our community. Rabin-da, as many of us knew him, played a pivotal role in shaping the early years of JUAn—helping build not just an organization, but a warm and welcoming community for alumni in a new country. In this issue, we take a moment to look back on his life, his contributions, and the legacy he leaves behind. I invite all of you to read, remember, and celebrate a life that meant so much to so many of us.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our upcoming seminar focused on Immigration/Settlement and Retirement Planning—two topics that are deeply relevant to many within our community at different stages of life. We have planned this as an engaging and practical session, and we expect strong interest. As space is limited, I encourage you to RSVP at the earliest to secure your spot. We look forward to seeing many of you there and continuing our conversations in person.

As we approach the end of the current Board's term, I would also like to gently remind all members to complete their membership dues for the year. Your support is essential for sustaining our programs, organizing events, and continuing to serve the JUAn community effectively.

Thank you, as always, for your continued engagement, support, and sense of community. It is what makes JUAn truly special.

Warm regards,
Kaushik Sarkar
President, JUAn Toronto



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JUAn Operational/Functional roles (non-governing) Policy

- Kaushik Sarkar, On behalf of the Board of Directors, JUAn Toronto

Dear Members of JUAn Toronto,

Over the past several years, as our Association has grown and evolved, we have also experienced a recurring challenge: the loss of institutional knowledge and operational continuity due to the annual transition of Board members. Important areas such as website management, newsletters, communications, archives, and digital access often require time and effort to rebuild each year.

To address this in a thoughtful and sustainable manner, the Board of Directors has discussed and adopted an approach to introduce Board-appointed operational / functional roles (such as Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Archivist, etc.).

Why this is needed

These roles are operational in nature, not governing.

They benefit from:

- Continuity over multiple years
- Accumulated context and experience

· Consistent ownership of systems and processes

By creating such roles, we aim to:

- Preserve institutional knowledge
- Improve efficiency and reduce duplication of effort
- Enable smoother transitions between successive Boards

Alignment with our By-laws

We would like to emphasize that this initiative is fully aligned with our existing by-laws:

- The Board is empowered to structure activities and programs in support of JUAn's objectives
- The Board may form sub-groups and delegate operational responsibilities as needed
- All governing authority continues to reside solely with the elected Board

No changes to the by-laws are required for this step.

Board approval

After discussion, the Board of Directors has unanimously approved:

- A formal Board Resolution enabling such roles
- A concise Operational Roles Policy to guide their creation and oversight

Key principles of the Operational Roles Policy

The policy is designed to ensure clarity, transparency, and good governance. Key points include:
Non-governing roles: These positions do not carry any decision-making or voting authority

Board oversight: All appointees operate under the direction of the Board

No impact on governance: They are not officers or directors and do not affect quorum or elections

Continuity with accountability: Roles may be held on a semi-permanent basis but remain fully terminable by the Board at any time

Defined scope: Each role has clearly outlined responsibilities

Proper handover: Access to systems and records is managed responsibly, with clear transition expectations.

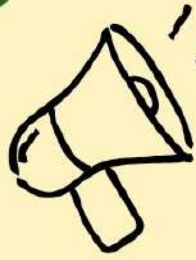
We believe this approach strikes a careful balance between continuity and accountability, while remaining fully consistent with the spirit and structure of our Association.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and feedback.



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Upcoming event



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BUILDING YOUR **FUTURE** in **CANADA**

Presented by Jadavpur University Alumni Association (JUAn) Toronto

From Immigration and Settlement to Retirement Planning

Join us for an informative and interactive community event designed for newcomers, working individuals, and seniors. Learn how to plan your life in Canada, from settling in to securing your retirement.



Event Details

Date: Saturday, April 25 2026

Time: 3:00 pm (Please be seated by 2:45 pm)

Venue: Skater's Edge Room, Meadowvale 4 Rinks, 2160 Torquay Mews, Mississauga, ON L5N 2M6



Featured Speakers



Tanusree Dasgupta - Immigration and Settlement

Tanusree Dasgupta is a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant. She is a registered and licensed member of the CICC (College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultant) in good standing.



Dhruv Ghosh - Retirement Planning

Dhruv Ghosh holds the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation and is specialized in Financial Planning, Investments, Insurance and Retirement Planning. He is associated with Co-operators Financial Investment Services Inc.



RSVP

Free Event | Limited Seats Available

RSVP: jualumni.to@gmail.com

Light refreshments will be served

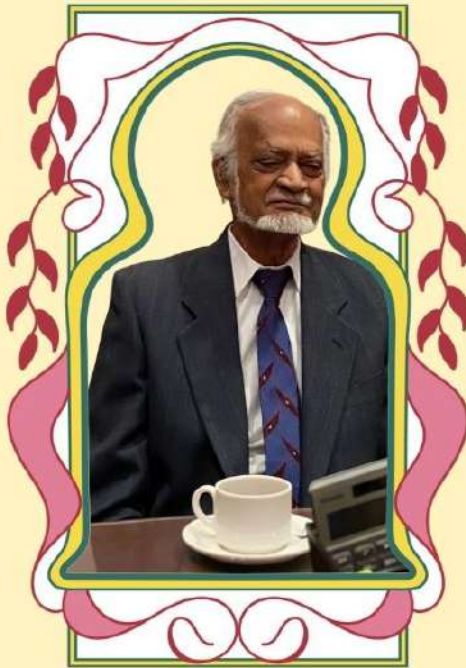


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Celebrating Rabin Chatterjee



We fondly remember Rabin Chatterjee, a beloved founding member of the JUAn Toronto, who passed away in Toronto on December 30, 2025.

An Electrical Engineer from Jadavpur University, Rabin Chatterjee arrived in Canada in 1963 and quickly became known for his lively spirit, warm smile, and wonderful sense of humour. He cherished friendships, often meeting friends over coffee. He was a driving force behind the 1961 JU group in North America, helping bring classmates together, and during the pandemic, he thoughtfully created the 1961 JU Zoom group to keep those connections strong.

A philanthropist, Rabinda gave wholeheartedly to the welfare of seniors and children, and to the advancement of education. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered for his kindness, leadership, and enduring commitment to community.

In Toronto on December 28
2025



Some
photos
shared by
JUAn
community



In Toronto



In Toronto



In Poconos in
late 90s



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Celebrating Rabin Chatterjee - From the archives

Pickering Post, Wed May 25, 1994 - Source (internet)

College Gets Sun Stations

Centennial College in Scarborough has recently installed a network of eight SUN Microsystems model 3 50 workstations to help students learn distributed network computing architecture. The equipment was donated by Pierre Gravel, president of The Type Centre in Toronto.

SUN systems feature client server computing, a very user-friendly approach which allows new users to be joined with ease. John Payne, the professor who initiated the donation, points out network maintenance relies mostly on keyboard techniques, rather than complex hardware reconfiguration. The network uses Ethernet and the UNIX operating system.

Students in Centennial's three year computer system technology program will use the equipment to learn workstation hardware concepts, Motorola microprocessor architecture, data communication techniques and UNIX.

Rabin Chatterjee, chairman of the college's electronics department, says the SUN equipment will integrate new training aspects, as well as allow the development of new curricula. He points to the donation as a sound example of business supporting education in the emerging technologies.

Late Dr P C Sen, Emeritus Professor Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Queen's University Kingston, Ontario, Canada) in his book *Principles of Electric Machines and Power Electronics*, First ed, *acknowledged Rabin Chatterjee*

"I thank Mr. Rabin Chatterjee, with whom I discussed certain sections of the manuscript".



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Ending 2025 on a giving note!

This past December 2025, JUAn was thrilled to give back to our community.

Amount donated: \$2025



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- **Food Banks Mississauga**

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A large circular wreath composed of many stylized human figures in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, brown, grey) holding hands. Each figure has a small circle above its head, also in a different color. The wreath is set against a light yellow background.

*As the current Board
term comes to a close,
we celebrate the
memories made, the
bonds strengthened,
and the legacy that
continues.*

