



Jadavpur University Alumni Association Toronto

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Members and Friends of JUAn Toronto

As we enter the festive season, I want to extend my warmest greetings to you and your families. May the coming weeks bring rest, celebration, togetherness, and the promise of a hopeful new year.

I'm deeply grateful to everyone who joined us for JUAn Bijoya Utsav—our attendees, performers, volunteers, organizers, and well-wishers. Your enthusiasm and support made the evening truly special. In this special Holiday Edition of our newsletter, you will find a full coverage of the event, including photos, performances, and highlights from a memorable night.

As we celebrate, it is also important to remember that not everyone in our community will be as fortunate this season. Food insecurity in the GTA has reached historic levels. According to recent reports, more than 1 in 10 people in Toronto now rely on food banks, and monthly food bank visits across the GTA have risen by over 60% since 2019, reaching record highs in 2024–25. Many families including newcomers, seniors, and children are struggling to meet basic nutritional needs.

In the spirit of giving, JUAn Toronto is launching a Holiday Food Bank Donation Drive. I encourage you to contribute. Every donation, no matter the amount, will help support food banks in the GTA.

Please stay tuned for updates on upcoming events in the new year as we continue building community and shared purpose within our JU family.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a Happy 2026.

Warm regards,
Dr. Kaushik Sarkar
President, JUAn Toronto



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HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATION DRIVE

Join us in spreading warmth and generosity this festive season!

Support the Community and make a meaningful difference

How to contribute:



Your impact goes even further!

JU Toronto will match every dollar donated, up to \$1,000

A generous private member will match your donation again, up to \$1,000



Interac: jualumni.to@gmail.com



Suggested Donation: \$30



Donation Deadline: December 20

***That means
every \$1 you
give becomes
\$3!***





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Flavors of Friendship, Beats of Tradition

**JUAn Bijoya Utsav – A Celebration of Culture and Togetherness
November 22 2025**

On this late fall evening, the chill outside melts away as warmth, laughter and familiar smiles fill the room for JUAn's celebration of Bijoya Utsav. The stage, glowing beneath a beautifully crafted backdrop, welcomed performers of all ages, each eager to share their art and heart. Tea, samosas and warm conversations stirred joy as alumni families reconnected, past and present.



Thank You

A big shoutout to all the participants for their wonderful performances!

A heartfelt thank-you to all the parents for the time, effort, and support you put into preparing your children, it truly made a difference.

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Then, as the cultural show began, a tapestry of performances unfurled, dances honouring Maa Durga's fierce grace, vocals in Nazrul Geeti and Rabindra Sangeet rising softly like prayers carried in the night. The journey drifted through spring blossoms, forest dreams, and tender moments of love: nostalgia blooming with "Can't Help Falling in Love With You", longing expressed through grace of "Faguner Mohonatey", and vivid polash forests coming alive in the folk rhythms of "Pindare Polasher Bon."



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The soulful saxophone enchanted the audience with the iconic theme from The Godfather and the timeless charm of Moheener Ghoraguli's "Prithibita Naki Choto Hote Hote". Guided with warmth and grace by the emcees, Madhuparna Debnath and Shreyoshi Bose Dutta, the evening flowed with applause and admiration, every moment shining with collective pride and joy.



Sincere thanks to the JUA President, Kaushik Sarkar for graciously welcoming everyone at the start and concluding the evening with an inspiring message of togetherness. A special thank you goes to Sanjukta Chakraborty for beautifully bringing together this cultural show, and to all who helped make this evening truly special. Gratitude to Dipto Chakraborty for managing the sound system throughout the evening, Satabdo Debnath for capturing the moments and Poulami Bhattacharjee for transforming the stage into a scene of beauty and tradition.

As the final notes faded and dinner was served, the event closed on a note of gratitude and joy, leaving everyone with the warmth of cherished memories and shared celebration.



Sanjukta Chakraborty



Satabdo Debnath



Dipto Chakraborty



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Cast and crew

Sanjukta Chakraborty – Program Director

Dipto Chakraborty – Sound Manager

Poulami Bhattacharjee – Art Director

Participants

- Anoushka Saha
- Anaya Saha
- Kankana Nandi
- Taniya Chakrabarti
- Priyanka Dey
- Shriyadita Bhadra
- Indrani Pramanick
- Oeshi Manna
- Sreyoshi Bose Datta
- Madhuparna Debnath

Comments from some of our attendees

Prad Chaudhury said, *"Good job! It was so nice to be at the JUAn Program this time".*

Priyanka Dey said, *"I didn't know we (JU Alumni) had such a wonderful association here in Toronto. Really happy to find you guys. Looking forward to the next program".*

Anindya Mittra said, *"I haven't been able to attend the last couple of events. But I am so happy that I came today. Really enjoyed it".*

Sharmistha Mittra said, *"So great to see so many old friends".*



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*Together we keep the Alumni
heartbeat strong. Join in, show up,
and celebrate.*

*Happy
Holidays*

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