



We must make our schools the nerve-centres of our social polity—from whence will come forth a valiant band of workers, practical idealists, sufferers who will sweep and scour, polish and brighten, wash and clean till Bengal shines like a plate of burnished gold.

—G. C. Bose.

## MESSAGES

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

NEW DELHI  
*November 11, 1948*

I send to the Bangabasi College on its Diamond Jubilee my warmest congratulations and best wishes. The growth and success of this Institution are a tribute to the sincerity, self-sacrifice and tenacity of purpose of its founder. As an educational institution, it has carved out a place for itself not only in Calcutta but in the whole of Bengal. I hope the institution will continue to make in future the progress which it has made in the past.

VALLABHBHAI PATEL.

## MINISTER, INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY

NEW DELHI,  
*November 17, 1948*

It is a matter of great pleasure to know that your College is stepping into the sixty-first year of its existence on the 29th of November. Its illustrious founder, your revered father late Acharyya Girish Chandra Bose had been one of the pioneers of higher education in Bengal during the nineteenth century and a peerless champion of popular rights. His institution has done great service towards expansion of education specially amongst the poor people of the Province.

I hope it will continue to preserve the ideals of its founder and will adjust its future progress under your able guidance to the new political set-up of our country.

SYAMAPROSAD MOOKERJEE

# UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH

October 5 1948

The University of Edinburgh offers your College their warmest congratulations on this most auspicious occasion and their good wishes for its future prosperity.

CHARLES H. STEWART

*Secretary to the  
University of Edinburgh.*

*(The Edinburgh University was visited by G. C. Bose while he was a student at Cirencester. He was much impressed with the improved methods in their Laboratory and attended some of their classes. We had, to commemorate this visit of our Founder, requested the authorities of the University for a message which they have very kindly sent.)*

## UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA

*September 27, 1948*

I am very glad to hear that the Bangabasi College authorities have decided to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the College at the 61st year of its existence from the 27th November, 1948. The story of the birth of the Bangabasi College at a time, when British Imperialism in this country was at its noon tide, will carry romance to years yet unborn. How many of our distinguished leaders of the country had not been the students of the Bangabasi College! Have they liquidated their obligations (their *Pitri-rina*) to the institution which materially contributed towards the building up of their career? I have my own views on the matter. I do hope, the Bangabasi College will live long. It will continue to discharge those functions which were assigned to it by the University of Calcutta under the statesmanship, guidance of its great founder Acharyya Girish Chandra Bose. The University of Calcutta of today and tomorrow will, I am sure, show its parental affection to its beloved daughter.

P. N. BANERJEE  
*Vice-Chancellor*

# UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

BOMBAY

*September 30, 1948*

I regret that I cannot be personally present on the auspicious occasion. Sixty years of useful work certainly deserve a function of the kind which you propose to celebrate. I hope that the function would be a great success and that the Bangabasi College will, in the years to come, render greater service to the cause of education in our country, and will have brought a greater degree of valuable work and usefulness than what it has done in the last sixty years.

P. V. KANE

*Vice-Chancellor*

## UNIVERSITY OF ALLAHABAD

Senate House  
ALLAHABAD

*September 24, 1948*

It is a matter of genuine gratification to know that the Bangabasi College is going to hold its Diamond Jubilee this year. On this occasion of special rejoicing I offer my cordial felicitations and wish the institution ever-increasing usefulness and prosperity. May it grow from strength to strength in its aspirations and rise from glory to glory in the service of the country !

D. R. BHATTACHARYA  
*Vice-Chancellor*

## VISVA-BHARATI



SANTINIKETAN  
Bengal, India  
*September 27, 1948*

The Bangabasi College has done very great work in the field of education for three scores of years and during its long life has faced many a critical situation but those have only been instrumental in strengthening the morale of the institution. It has never sacrificed its ideals for monetary considerations. The College owes its existence to the late lamented Girish Chandra Bose who, through his untiring efforts, has placed the Bangabasi College in the forefront of higher educational institutions of the Province. It is a cause of profound regret that his inspiring presence will be missed on this happy occasion but, I am sure, he will be present in spirit and his inspiration will guide you through all difficulties. May the Bangabasi College prosper with the increasing years and continue to serve the country as it has always done in the past !

Wish you every success of the celebrations.

RATHINDRANATH TAGORE  
*Karma-Sachiva*  
*Visva-Bharati*



# BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY



Benares Hindu University

BENARES

*September 22, 1948*

It has given me genuine pleasure to know that the Diamond Jubilee of the Bangabasi College is being celebrated. The College has played an important part in the History of Modern Education in Bengal. Many of its alumni have distinguished themselves in various walks of life. The success of an educational institution is to be judged by the influence it exercises on the students in their impressionable years and there can be no doubt that those who have passed out of this College have brought credit to their *Alma Mater* both through their material achievements and their high character. Mere literacy or book learning cannot be the end of education ; a sense of duty, a sense of man's high calling, a sense of responsibility, a sense of loyalty to the country and to the world at large—these distinguish a man of education. May the College and its students and teachers and those associated with it prosper exceedingly.

AMARNATH JHA  
*Vice-Chancellor*

## UNIVERSITY OF PATNA



PATNA

*October 23, 1948*

On behalf of the University of Patna, I feel pleasure to send you my heartiest good-wishes on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Bangabasi College which has already earned a good repute for its national outlook in general and its services to the poorer section of the people in particular. The very fact that it is one of the biggest colleges in the province of Bengal at present, is a sure indication of its worthy achievements in the field of education, for which its authorities deserve commendation.

I wish the college may live for many years to come and be an ideal for other educational institutions in and outside the province of Bengal.

C. P. N. SINGH  
*Vice-Chancellor*

## MUSLIM UNIVERSITY



ALIGARH

*September 30, 1948*

I am glad to find that the College has made great progress during these difficult days and has been imparting higher education to boys of poorer section of the country. I would be failing in my duty if I do not congratulate you and the other authorities of the College on the success achieved by your College at a time when every corner of the country was faced with enormous difficulties. I hope it will continue to maintain its traditions and wish you every success in your worthy efforts.

Md. ISMAIL KHAN

*Vice-Chancellor*

## UNIVERSITY OF DACCA

Ramna,

DACCA

*October 26, 1948*

The University of Dacca sends its cordial greetings to the Bangabasi College, Calcutta on the solemn occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebration and offers hearty felicitations and sincere congratulations on the completion of sixty years of its successful work in the imparting of knowledge. May its future achievements outshine those of its past.

K. C. CHOWDHURY

*for Registrar*

# UNIVERSITY OF DELHI



DELHI

*September 23, 1948*

I am very glad to hear that the Bangabasi College will be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in November, and I take this opportunity to offer on behalf of the University my warmest congratulations to the College on this auspicious occasion. I feel sure that in the years to come the Bangabasi College will contribute as richly to the life of Bengal as it has done during the last sixty years. I wish your Diamond Jubilee celebrations all success.

S. RATNAM

*Rector*

# UTKAL UNIVERSITY

CUTTACK

*October 1, 1948*

As Vice-Chancellor of the University of Utkal I am very happy at the news of the Jubilee Celebration of the Bangabasi College, after its existence for 61 years. Personally I knew the College and many of its Professors, when I was a student in the Calcutta University. Utkal is specially indebted to the Bangabasi College, as many eminent persons, who are since dead, were students in that institution. I wish all success to the function.

C. M. ACHARYYA  
*Vice-Chancellor*

## UNIVERSITY OF GAUHATI



GAUHATI

*September 22, 1948*

I am very glad to learn that you are going to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of your Institution. The great services of Bangabasi College to the students of Bengal and Assam are too well-known to need any emphasis. I sincerely hope that your Institution will go from strength to strength and in the fullness of time celebrate its centenary after a still more prosperous career.

*Vice-Chancellor*

## GOVERNOR OF WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA

November 20, 1948

Public education in Bengal owes much to the selfless service and devotion and philanthropy of its citizens. Of this devotion Bangabasi College in Calcutta whose Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated this year is a signal example. This institution began as a school in 1886 through the initiative of its founder Acharya Giris Chandra Bose and his band of Co-workers and supporters among whom I must mention the names of the illustrious Lord Sinha and Mr. Byomkesh Chakrabarty. But a mere School would not satisfy the aspirations of Acharya Giris Chandra Bose. The very next year in 1887 college classes were opened with six boys. That tiny seed sown by that noble-minded Guru has now grown and developed in the course of sixty years into the premier educational institution in Bengal with six thousand students on its roll. Bangabasi College to-day shall for ever remain a great monument to the memory of Acharya Giris Chandra Bose who worked for it all through his life with devotion and single-minded purpose unparalleled in the history of education in India. As its name indicates Bangabasi College is an Indian institution meant primarily for the residents of Bengal without distinction of caste or creed or colour. But it has become the *alma mater*



of thousands who have come from outside and taken shelter under its wings. The founder kept up the noble aim always before his eyes : Students of Bangabasi College should be fired with the love of their country and should be prepared to serve it come what may to the best of their ability and if necessary to sacrifice all for it. They had to work regardless of the frowns and active displeasure of the British Government of the day. This institution has developed and has sent forth hundreds and thousands who have taken intensive part in the great national struggle. And one thing more, this College has never received a single rupee from public funds and it has never asked Government for such aid. It is great achievement of which the people of Bengal may be legitimately proud—an institution which has been built up to its present magnificent stature solely by the love and labour of the people and the devoted band of teachers who have served the institution with rare spirit of self-sacrifice. India has come into its own and needs the best of the land to serve her. I trust that the Bangabasi Vidyalaya will grow from strength to strength and become a far-famed temple of learning where the Indian youth will be trained in self-discipline and equipped with knowledge so that they may play a worthy part in the building up of a great nation and a great country.

KAILAS NATH KATJU  
*Governor*

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S CAMP

Government House  
GUINDY  
*September 22, 1948*

DEAR SIR

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor of Madras to convey his very good wishes to the Bangabasi College on the occasion of celebration of its Diamond Jubilee. The College has had a most distinguished career and he hopes that every success will attend it in future also.

Your faithfully  
P. GOVINDAN NAIR  
*Private Secretary to*  
*H. E. the Governor of Madras.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

GANESHKHIND  
*September 23, 1948*

I wish all success to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Bangabasi College and all happiness to the Staff and Students of this well-known national educational institution.

SIR MAHARAJA SINGH  
*Governor of Bombay*

## GOVERNOR'S CAMP

BIHAR  
*September 22, 1948*

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Bangabasi College I take the opportunity of congratulating those in charge of this institution for having piloted it successfully all these years, and particularly through the difficult years in its early life. I wish the institution a long life and useful service in educating the coming generation to be worthy citizens of the Independent Sovereign State of Indian Union.

Vande Mataram.

M. S. ANEY  
*Governor of Bihar*

## PREMIER, WEST BENGAL

Calcutta  
*October 1, 1948.*

I am glad to learn that Bangabasi College having completed sixty years of its life is to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee this year. I send my best wishes to the Institution. It is an excellent example of what non-official agencies, unaided by the State, can do and are likely to do in future. As one of the most popular colleges in Bengal, it has built up a tradition and fair reputation and I hope the authorities will try to make the institution increasingly useful in future.

The late Sri Girish Chandra Bose, the founder of the College, was a true Indian and a patriot. There was a time when he admitted ex-detenués and political sufferers in his college in spite of the frowns of the then Government of the country. He combined in him the best culture of the East and the West. Let the staff, students and authorities of the College emulate his example and become useful and responsible citizens of Independent India.

B. C. Roy

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF  
INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

NEW DELHI  
*October 7, 1948*

I had the pleasure of meeting almost every evening the late Principal G. C. Bose for several years when I was a young lecturer in the Calcutta University. The spirit of enterprise and devotion to high education which led him to start this college may, I hope, stimulate the present management to high endeavour upgrading this institution to still higher levels. It has rendered excellent service in the past to the student community of Bengal. May it continue to do so for years to come.

J. C. GHOSH

পূণ্যশ্লোক মহাত্মাচরিত আলোচনার সুযোগ দিয়া আমাকে কৃতার্থ করিয়াছেন বঙ্গবাসী কলেজের কর্তৃপক্ষ।

কলিকাতা প্রেসিডেন্সী কলেজে ভর্তি হই উচ্চশিক্ষা লাভের আশায়। ইংরাজী অধ্যাপক সাহেব প্রায়ই বাঙ্গালী চরিত্র আক্রমণ করিতেন। তাঁহার বচন-নিঃসৃত সুরা-সুধা-গন্ধ-আকৃষ্ট-মক্ষিকাকুল আমাদের দিকে ধাবিত হইত কখনো কখনো। ভাবিতাম এই কি উচ্চশিক্ষার আদর্শ?

একমাত্র বে-সরকারী বিদ্যালয় ছিল তখন মেট্রোপলিটান ইন্সটিটিউশন। যখন ইহার নামকরণ হয় বিদ্যাসাগর কলেজ, বিদ্যাসাগর মহাশয়ের দয়া প্রভৃতি গুণগ্রামের কথা শুনিয়া অনেকটা আশ্বস্ত হইয়াছিলাম। তিনি ছিলেন শুধু টোল পণ্ডিত বিদ্যাসাগর নয়, নানা কারণে ছিলেন তিনি শ্রদ্ধার পাত্র। কেবল তাহাই নয়। তিনি ছিলেন খাঁটি জাতীয় নীতির আকর। ছোটলাট ভবনে নিমন্ত্রিত হইয়া গিয়াছেন তালতলার চট্টা পরিয়া দারওয়ান প্রবেশ করিতে দেয় নাই দরবারে। এই কথা শুনিতে পাইয়া ছোটলাট ক্ষমা প্রার্থনা করেন। তদবধি লাটভবনে যান নাই। প্রকৃত জ্ঞানী ও জ্ঞানদাতাদের মধ্যে থাকে এই প্রকার বীরত্ব।

আচার্য্য গিরিশচন্দ্রের ছিল তেমনি বীরত্ব। অনেকে বিলাতে গিয়া কৃষি বিজ্ঞা শিক্ষা করিয়া দেশে আসিয়া সরকারী চাকুরী গ্রহণ করিয়াছিলেন অনন্যোপায় হইয়া। আচার্য্য গিরিশচন্দ্র ছিলেন স্বপ্রতিষ্ঠ। তাঁহার প্রতিষ্ঠানের উন্নতিকল্পে তাঁহার সমস্ত শক্তি নিয়োগ করিয়াছিলেন। বঙ্গভঙ্গ আন্দোলনের সময় তিনি সেই সমুদয় ছাত্রকে স্থান দিয়াছিলেন যাঁহাদিগকে আশ্রয় দিতে অগ্ৰান্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান অসম্মত হইয়াছিল। তাঁহার ছাত্রেরাও ছিল তেমনি সাহসী। তাঁহার ছাত্র যতীন দাস ৬২ দিন অনশনব্রত গ্রহণ করিয়াছিলেন নির্ধ্যাতিত বন্দীদের দুর্দশা জনসাধারণকে জ্ঞাপন করিবার জন্য।

আরম্ভে কলেজের ছাত্রসংখ্যা ছিল ৬ মাত্র। আচার্য্যের স্বর্গারোহণের পর এখন ছাত্রসংখ্যা ৬০০০।

অনন্ত চিন্তয়ন্তোমাং বে জনাঃ পর্য্যুপাসতে।

তেষাং নিত্যভিযুক্তানাং যোগ ক্ষেমঃ বহাম্যহং ॥

এই বাক্যের সার্থকতা প্রমাণ করিয়াছিলেন আচার্য্য গিরিশচন্দ্র তাঁহার জীবন দ্বারা। তাঁহার এই প্রতিষ্ঠান যাঁহারা রক্ষা করিতেছেন তাঁহাদের মস্তকে ভগবান শুভ আশীর্ব্বাদধারা বর্ষণ করুন।

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## PRESIDENT, GOVERNING BODY

58, Paddapukur Road

CALCUTTA

*November 17, 1948*

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Bangabasi College I send it my warmest greetings and good wishes. For over a period of 60 years the College has played no inconspicuous part in shaping the academic life of Bengal. Well may it be proud of the position it has attained as one of the foremost centres of higher education in the land. With gratitude and reverence let us recall to-day the foresight and vision which had inspired Giris Chandra Bose of revered memory to lay the foundation of this institution for the advancement of learning among his countrymen. During its long and chequered history the College has passed through many vicissitudes, but it has never deviated from the lofty ideals of its great founder, and has in fact triumphed over all difficulties because of its steadfast adherence to those ideals. May the highest standards of education continue to animate the institution in the fulfilment of its noble mission.

C. C. BISWAS



## MEMBER, GOVERNING BODY

12, Ashu Biswas Road

CALCUTTA

*September 19, 1948*

Sixty years ago, the Bangabasi, a weekly newspaper in Bengalee was a very powerful organ of public opinion in Bengal and helped to spread education in the villages. Each copy of the paper had at least several scores of readers and many more heard the articles read out by the literate.

No wonder that when Girish Chandra Bose founded his College he took the name from the paper of which his brother was the proprietor.

In those days, and in later decades, the name of Girish Chandra was one to conjure with amongst the student community of Bengal. His deep learning, his unassuming manners, his fervid nationalism in dress and deportment, his transparent simplicity and his sincere desire to bring up generations of the Bengalee youth in the ways of true citizenship made a deep impression on the students. He refused to be diverted from his ideals by the frowns of bureaucrats white or brown, and the result we see now in the magnificent college, which is the best memorial of the man.

May his ideals be kept in view always by the teachers in the college founded by him and may the youngmen who study there always remember that character and discipline are indispensable for the true citizen.

This is the fervent hope and prayer of one who feels immensely proud to be associated even in a small way with the hallowed name of Girish Chandra Bose, the founder of the Bangabasi College.

N. K. BASU

MEMBER, GOVERNING BODY

6, Ballygunge Place  
CALCUTTA  
*October 14, 1948*

MY DEAR PRINCIPAL BOSE,

It gives me unique pleasure to know that you are going to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Bangabasi College. Although I have never been a student of your college, I have known it long and enjoyed the privilege of knowing fairly intimately its illustrious founder—your late lamented father. I have rarely come across a man of more independent spirit and straightforwardness. He is no more but the college stands as a lasting monument to his great services to the cause of education in this country. May it grow from more to more and shed lustre on the memory of one who lived and died in its service.

Yours sincerely  
KHAGENDRANATH MITRA

LETTERS OF GOOD WISHES FOR THE  
COLLEGE SENT TO THE  
GENERAL SECRETARY

*From Sri Aurobindo*

Sri Aurobindo Asram  
PONDICHERY  
October 25, 1948

DEAR SIR,

Sri Aurobindo has seen your letter. He has every sympathy with the work you have undertaken.

Yours Sincerely  
NOLINI KANTA GUPTA  
*Secretary*

*From His Excellency, the Governor of Assam*

SHILLONG  
September 25, 1948

DEAR SIR,

I am desired to say that His Excellency sends his good wishes to the Bangabasi College on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Yours faithfully  
T. S. KRISHNAMURTI  
*Private Secretary*

*From His Excellency, the Governor of Orissa*

CUTTACK  
October 1, 1948

DEAR SIR,

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebration of your College, His Excellency has been pleased to send the following message :

“I wish the Institution success”.

Yours faithfully  
*Secretary to the Governor of Orissa*