

HOW 6 BEC69ians SPENT THE AFTERNOON ON AUGUST 25, 2012.

The enthusiastic and charged-up quartet - Prabir Gupta (Mech), Prabir Sengupta (EE), Ashoke Datta (Mech) and Jayanta Pradhan (Met) - wanted to give a push to the development of BEC-69 website that had been (somehow) publicly opened on August 15. So they decided to meet at the Place of Prabir Gupta (Panchanantala Road, Howrah) – where Prabir has the office of his company (in the ground floor of a new edifice – built after demolishing a part of their 19th century - once imposing – but now dilapidated abode). Dipankar Ghosh (Met) and Dipak Bhattacharya (Met) decided to join them. Jayanta, Prabir Sengupta, and Dipak came to the place of Ashoke at Paditia Place (near Triangular Park). Prabir stays nearby. Jayanta came from Mukundapur (SE Kolkata) and Dipak came from Narendrapur (S Kolkata). Ashoke took out his Maruti Estilo, and off they went towards Howrah.

Howrah has changed since the idyllic days during 1964-69. There are no trams now. Howrah Maidan has lost its large green turfed beauty after 1962 war with China. The narrow Roads are chaotic with too many vehicles, indisciplined pedestrians and drivers, and road side shops and eateries. There are now fly-overs and approach roads. But one grace point is that one can avoid Howrah Station and approach Howah Maidan area via the 2nd Hooghly Bridge and the connecting Foreshore Road. Never mind. Ashoke is a good driver. So after about 30 minutes drive, Prabir’s house was reached. Dipankar came later from his house at Uttarpara.

Prabir’s charming and bright-looking daughter Paromita joined in the discussion. Paromita has been helping in the development of the website. Sometime later, a neighbour of Prabir – Mrinal – an entrepreneur and expert in website development, came and joined in the discussion. It is Mrinal who is mainly taking care of the developments.

Well friends – there were a lot of discussions about the directions along which the developments should take place. In a few days time, the reflections of these discussions would be seen in the changes in the website. However, if the website is to become mature and an enjoyable virtual meeting place of the BEC69ians, then your suggestions are needed.

Oh! A point not to be forgotten. Prabir arranged lavish snacks – Chicken and fish culets, potato finger chips, sweetmeats, frothing coffee and refreshing tea. The afternoon was well spent.

