



# Broadcast

Monthly Newsletter  
April, 2021

## HAPPENINGS

- The Annual Sports Meet was held at SPL. Here are a few snapshots of the winners.
- Summer Coolers at SPL Plant: To beat the heat, buttermilk, lemon water and hygienic pot water is provided for our employees.
- Awareness camp: A women well-being camp was organized in the EW housing colony, in association with the Adayar Cancer Institute, Chennai.



## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- "SHE" Awards – We won a Silver in the prestigious Safety, Health and Environment Awards.



## CSR AND US

- A blood donation camp was organised in the Elavur housing colony. A total of 35 units of blood were donated to the Cancer Institute, Chennai.
- The YESS (Young Employee Social Service) at SPL conducted Annadhanam and Butter Milk distribution during Maha Shivratri.



- Mr Sabarna Roy was honoured with the "Champions of Change" award for the exemplary work he has done in the field of Culture. This award was given by the Governor of Maharashtra and Goa.

## WE, THE PEOPLE

- Chu Kar Mere Man Ko :  
a. Arpita Banerjee
- Rana Dutta – a Ph.D at the age of 69!!

### Chu kar mere man ko

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On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July'20, when the doctors informed me that my husband is not responding to treatment and his chances of survival is too low, I was totally devastated and everything was falling apart.  
Tears and tears muffled my voice when I spoke to Mr Rishabh Poddar over phone. The first thing he told me Arpita, don't get nervous, let us plan the course of action and from that moment till today, he has been acting like a guiding star. There was not a single day during that last months that of my husband Mr Ardit, Dhulkaria, that he missed enquiring regarding my husband's health, regarding his medical suggestions, siding me in different ways and most importantly motivating me and constantly to be positive and to have faith in the Almighty.  
I can't forget beyond words by the way Mr Poddar stood by me and supported me consistently, in spite of his busy schedule. Thank you Mr Poddar for everything.  
Many peers in Electrosteel has touched my life in a new way and each person has helped me in fighting this arduous battle. MD's concern, Mr Jalan's support and guidance, Mr Pishu Laksh's concern and advice role in getting the medical insurance organized, Mr Jena's intervention with the hospital authority has left an indelible impression upon me for which I shall remain eternally grateful.

There are many others in the organization (the list would go too long) who were constantly in touch with me and have extended their helping hands during this crisis and it would be impossible if I do not thank them enough.  
I am deeply touched for your kindness, gesture and values during this hour of need. Thank you so much.  
A year ago, when I got the "You Matter" letter from Mr H K Jalan I was excited to say it few words to have I felt, listed...



Arpita Banerjee H.O. - Kabeeta

### RANA DUTTA - Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering - After Superannuation

**Profile:** 01<sup>st</sup>, February 2021, 91<sup>st</sup> Centenary of IIT (BHU) Varanasi. In the list of Ph.Ds, that were to be honoured on that day by the IIT (BHU) Varanasi Director, Dr. Prasad Kumar Jais, the first name was mine. It was perhaps an unique occasion in the history of the IIT, when the recipient of a regular (not honorary) Ph.D. degree was much older than the Institute Director who was to award the degree! *He Got, I was 69 years of age when I received the degree.*  
**Looking Back:** It all started in the year 2005 when I was asked by the Electrosteel Castings Senior Management to form and head the Condition Based Monitoring (CBM) department. While developing the CBM model and going to different equipment, an array of valuable data was being generated. One day one employee of my old unit (IITBHU) Varanasi, suggesting that I document it and do a guided research. This would add value to the industrial engineering, according to him. I approached the Electrosteel Castings management with the idea and they immediately agreed to sponsor me for the same. After clearing the examination and the interview, I signed up with IITBHU on September 2021. The Institute was apprehensive whether the Company would support a Ph.D. program of the standard of an IIT. The senior professors of the Institute were deputed to study the facilities available at the Company and report back, saying, "Though it's a manufacturing unit, it maintains an excellent standard for research work with highly qualified and experienced technical staff."  
So, at the age of 69 I started my work for my Ph.D. My experimental set up was in the premises of the Ranchi Works and the Company bore the entire cost of the same.  
On 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, I finally submitted my thesis for the Ph.D. thesis. It was received by one professor from a foreign university (USA) and another by an IIT professor. After their recommendation, the final presentation and review before the Institute board was made on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.  
Today, when I hold the degree with pride, I have no qualms to state that the Institute belongs more to the Electrosteel family than me and my family. The Company that looks after its employees as well, only deserves the honor.



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