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## CHEMICAL REACTOR

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JU professor Rajat Chakraborty hands over a memento to (right) alumnus Ravi Prasad at the programme on Saturday.

*Sanat Kr Sinha*

A former student of Jadavpur University's chemical engineering department has decided to buy his alma mater a chemical reactor that will cost Rs 31 lakh.

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Ravi Prasad, who graduated in 1971 and lives in Chennai, made the contribution on the occasion of the department's centenary. The centenary celebrations were inaugurated at a programme in Kolkata on Saturday.

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Prasad said: "I am contributing a pilot plant worth Rs 31 lakh. The students in any engineering college learn in the laboratory from the prototype. What we have gifted to the department is a real-life pilot plant – something that is available in industries that students join after graduation. This will make them industry-ready while they are studying."

Prasad retired as chief executive officer of Produits Artistiques Métaux Précieux, better known as PAMP, a leading bullion brand in Dubai, six months ago.

After graduating from JU in 1971, he did MBA from IIM-Calcutta and then he moved into marketing.

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“While I have been a chemical engineer, I have never worked in the chemical plant,” Prasad said.

The pilot plant, which is a replica of a real-life industrial reactor, will be installed in June this year.

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The former student, still “Ravi” to his batchmates, said at the programme: “I want more and more former students to step forward and give back to the alma mater that has nurtured them.”

Prasad’s support came months after JU vice-chancellor Suranjan Das wrote to the former students of the department to make “liberal financial contributions” for the creation of a fund for necessary expenses that will strengthen teaching and research programmes.



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JU's pro-V Chiranjeeb Bhattacharya said they would need more such support as the university, which is reeling under a funds crunch, is not in a position to buy expensive equipment.

"Given the financial constraints, we could not have done for students what Ravi Prasad has done. This pilot plant will give much-needed exposure to students," he said.

The former students have raised a total of Rs 46 lakh since the VC appealed to them for contributions, he said.

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