

## An appeal

Dear Friends,

As you know, Super Cyclonic Storm Amphan made landfall in West Bengal on 20 May 2020, leaving in its wake a trail of destruction and devastation across the city of Kolkata, and the districts of Howrah, Hughli, East and West Medinipur, and North and South 24 Parganas. Nearly two months since the day when thousands were rendered homeless, some 90 people lost their lives, and livelihoods and property worth untold crores of rupees were wiped away, people have still not been able to return to something resembling normalcy. The fact that the state, along with the rest of the country, and the world, is in the grip of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic has only made things a lot worse.

According to estimates by the Government of West Bengal, the extent of damage caused by Amphan exceeds Rupees One Lakh Crores<sup>1</sup>, and 70% of the people in the state have been directly affected by the super cyclonic storm. Among those affected are many students of Jadavpur University, especially those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds living in these districts, especially in North and South 24 Parganas. The university has tried to extend a helping hand to these students, and all sections of the extended Jadavpur University family have come forward to provide support; and it has already been decided that all tuition and hostel fees will be waived for the cyclone-affected students. However, quite a bit more still needs to be done to help these young women and men, many of whom have lost their homesteads, and some whose family livelihoods have been snatched away by this devastating storm.

With a view to supporting our students, we appeal to all sections of the wider university community, all stakeholders, alumni and alumnae, friends, well-wishers, and members of the public to come forward and contribute to the fund set up specifically for the purpose. Jadavpur University will make sure that any money collected will be used for the direct benefit of its cyclone-affected students.

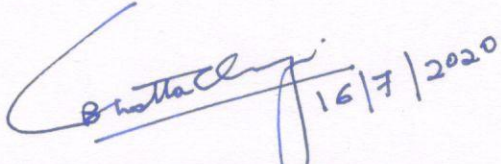
Contributions may kindly be made to the following bank account, if not opted for deduction from salary (for all employees).

**Name of account:** Jadavpur University  
**Account number:** 11079699404  
**Bank & branch:** SBI, JU Branch  
**IFSC:** SBIN0000093

All contributors to Bank A/c. via electronic means are requested to kindly send an email to [fooffice@jadavpuruniversity.in](mailto:fooffice@jadavpuruniversity.in) with their names and other details of their contribution. Such contribution will not attract the benefit of deduction U/S 80G of IT Act.

Employees can mail to [fo@jadavpuruniversity.in](mailto:fo@jadavpuruniversity.in) for giving the option for deduction from salary within 20th of any month.

We look forward to receiving your support.  
Thank you.

  
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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/mamata-pegs-cyclone-amphan-damage-at-1-lakh-crore-toll-rises-to-86/article31660847.ece>