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This is Manjit Singh Randhawa, a **1973 Mechanical Engineering** graduate from our prestigious Guru Nanak Engineering College, Ludhiana. Let me tell you in the beginning itself that I offered myself voluntarily to take the responsibility of creating this Genco-Alumni new independent Website.

I belong to Gurdaspur city, born at Khaira village near Fatehgarh Churian in Jan 1950. I did all my schooling and Pre-Engineering at Government Schools and College in Gurdaspur. My mentors were my father (Hr Sec School Teacher), my Drawing Teacher Sh. Shri Niwas, my Mama ji (a Principal) and my mother who brought up her family with all social values.

In July 1969, I got my admission in GNEC and I felt myself as one of the luckiest to have been admitted to this great college of Punjab built after partition when our country and Punjab state was coming in terms with the new set up.`

The period of four years spent at GNEC is the best period of my life as I learnt a lot in many ways and developed a vast circle of friendship for lifetime with my class fellows, other senior / junior students and staff of our college.

I was actively involved in the extracurricular activities of the college mainly being the :-

- **Secretary of Photography Club**
- **Editor - Hindi section of College Magazine**
- **Member of Recreation Club**
- **Member of Cultural Club**
- and
- **Member of Music Club.**



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After my graduation I got a good chance to serve my Alma mater for one year as a faculty member from 1973 to 74 and enjoyed my stay at 68 staff colony for one year, which was my golden period.

In December 1974, I was selected as a Trainee Marine Engineer in The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) at Bombay. Our revered GNEC Professor Madam Hardarshan Kaur Buttar, who remained my god-sister, helped me out voluntarily when I needed Rs 2,500/- in Nov 1974 to deposit as Security Bond to serve in SCI, my first shipping company. And thus started a long period of my professional career which lasted for next 44 years till June 2018.

After my 8 months of SCI sponsored training at Mazagon Docks Ltd Bombay, I sailed out onboard my first ship M.V. Nalanda in Aug 1975 as a 5th Engineer. Exactly after 19 months of continuous sailing I did my Marine Engineering studies at Bombay and passed my 2nd Engineer exam at Mercantile Marine Department (Ministry of Transport) Bombay in Feb 1978 and got promoted to the rank of 3rd Engineer and subsequently 2nd Engineer. Then again I sailed for another 19 months continuously on three different ships and came on leave to prepare for my next Marine Engineering exam to become **Chief Engineer**. In

Dec 1980 I passed this examination

In total I served on **46 ships** and sailed across all around the globe. Overall Merchant Navy career as a Marine Engineer is a very tough and challenging job and specially as a Chief Engineer it demands a very high professional capabilities and tough decision making qualities as well. Throughout my career while in Foreign Shipping companies I was attached to different offices at **Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and Houston.**

On my personal front, I got married in July 1980. My wife is from a well known Chatha family of Karnal. We shifted our residence to Chandigarh in May 1989 in Sector 21. In 1994, I bought another house in Sector 16, which was rented to a bank. Lately since 2020 we are living in Sector 16 house and the other house is now rented to a company.

On the family front, we are blessed with two daughters and one son. My eldest daughter is a Dietician and happily married to an Automobiles businessman in Chandigarh. 2nd daughter is Aviation Captain, married to an Aviation Captain in Emirates and settled in Dubai. My son is a Logistics Engineer working in a Canadian company.

My involvement towards Genco Alumni: From 2013, I am actively involved in arranging Get-togethers and Meets of our 1973 batch Genconians at various places such as Ludhiana, Chandigarh and Delhi. In November 2014, I arranged a BIG MEET @ GNEC Auditorium and it came out to be a very big success and a memorable event for our college students, staff and our batch mates too, who came all the way from USA, Canada, Mumbai, Delhi, Chandigarh and of course our day scholars friends from Ludhiana. All Get-togethers and Meets are attended by the wives of our Genconians.

I became an **Executive Member** of our Genco Alumni Association in Nov 2022 and having a general interest to serve my Alma mater I am regularly involved in carrying out many activities which can be beneficial for my college and its students. Following are few such activities :-

1) **MOU with Wadhvani Foundation:** Through one of my class fellow, I came in contact in March 2023 with a Global Organization called "Wadhvani Foundation" (www.wfglobal.org) having its head office in California USA. I arranged an online meeting of this organization with our college authorities. Wadhvani Foundation agreed to pass on all its beneficial programs and training to our college faculty. To follow it up, a Representative of "wfglobal.org" visited our college and an official Memorandum of Understanding signed with our college, thus enabling the launch of all wfglobal.org programs for the faculty / students of our Guru Nanak Dev Engg College. Wfglobal.org also arranged a seminar at our college Auditorium for the orientation of its programs to the students and faculty.

2) **Interaction Session:** An Interaction Session between the Genco Alumni Association (represented by President n self) and our present final year students held at college auditorium on 21st March 2023 to make them aware of their upcoming involvement in

the Alumni. Association activities for the welfare of the college and its ongoing students. This Session was well attended with good enthusiasm by the students.

3) **Tricity Genconians:** In March 2023, I started a new group of "Tricity Genconians" in Chandigarh. This group consists of Genco Alumni (Genconians) who are living in Tricity (Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula) and its surrounding areas. Presently we have 253 members. First meet (Genco Mela) of this group was held on 3rd April 2023 and it came out to be a Big Success. Subsequently we held two more Meets, last one was on 9th March. We also have a Core Committee, where our college Principal is also a member.

4) **Wall Decorations at Alumni Home:** All 4 bed rooms at the Alumni Home and its spaces namely lobby, conference hall, drawing room, dining hall and office have been installed with 12 Art Photographs (clicked at different locations during my around the world voyages onboard ships) and laminated in special format for our Alumni Home specifically.

5) **Golden Jubilee :** Arranged 2-days celebrations of our 1973-batch Golden Jubilee, which was held in a Big Way on 16th & 17th Nov 2023. These celebrations started on 16th Nov with soulful Meet & Greet of about 100 batch mates and families under Dhol Dhamaka Beats, Dance, DJ n Drinks in the Glittering Banquet Hall of Hotel Samrat Regency, Ludhiana. Gala dinner party continued till late night. Next day, a very special breakfast served to all participants at Alumni Home of our College. This was followed by prayers at College Gurdwara Sahib with Rumala Sahib and a Rs. 7,100/- Bheta from 1973 batch. After this, a big procession started with Dhol Beats towards the College Auditorium; where everyone witnessed the Golden Jubilee grand celebrations. Then everyone moved to Sports Stadium for a Group Photograph of 73-batch boys and their families. Last act was a lavish lunch at Mess No. 2.

6) **Appointed as Vice-President:** Annual Alumni Day celebrated by our Genco Alumni Association on 18th Nov 2023 and various annual reports read out by the Secretary and President. During this event in College Auditorium, President declared and appointed me as Vice-President of Genco Alumni Association. I conveyed my thanks for the faith reposed in me by the Association and President.

7) **Projects Taken and Completed:** Following Golden Jubilee celebrations, our 1973-batch made good collections with donations given voluntarily by our batch mates. Following projects were taken over and completed for our Alma mater with all the collections made :-

- A complete Computer Lab donated to CSE Department with 35 Dell Computers of latest generation and configurations.
- New Website www.genco-alumni.com developed is carrying search / listing of 30,000 Genco Alumni passed out since the 1st batch of 1960. This website also includes online availability Souvenirs, various Alumni Meets, Golden Jubilees, Silver Jubilees, photo features of college since 1956 and many other information.

- Installed a new high resolution Epson Projector and a Dell desktop at Conference Hall of Alumni Home to facilitate Global video conferencing with our Overseas Alumni.
- Have started a Campaign among all Genco Alumni in India and abroad to promote booking of our Alumni Home to enhance its occupancy, which will also generate revenues for its maintenance.
- Obtained a spare desktop set through Principal and installed it in Alumni Home office to keep all relevant record of Alumni Home, Genco Alumni Association meetings records and various information about our 30,000 alumni

Thanks and best regards,
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35 Dell Computers Software Lab donated by 1973 Batch



Global Video Conferencing @ Alumni Home

Courtesy: 1973 Batch



Vice President on Alumni Day