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*A Fireside Chat and Social Dialogue on 'Convergence & Divergence on Political Leadership & Corporate Leadership' held on 19th December 2019*



### **Bengal Chamber highlights the importance of political and corporate leadership in the country awards actor Raima Sen as a youth icon**

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**Kolkata/IBNS: The Bengal Chamber's People Management Committee in partnership with Encore Mindseek recently organised a programme woven around political and corporate leadership.**

The idea was to highlight that there is usually a leader who steers a movement or project to success.

The session was moderated by Jaidip Chatterjee, Joint Chairperson - Events Group, People Management Committee, Bengal Chamber.

Speakers belonged to a wide range of fields, including political, corporate and cultural arena.

Speaking on role of media Manish Gupta, MP, Rajya Sabha, said, "Media's role is very important. Media is a great job. If you read their supplement, which is well researched you get everything. Media is however influenced in certain parts of the country. People should get the right news."

Hemant Kanoria, Trustee, Kanoria Foundation & Chairman, Srei Group, said, "Leadership is a very simple parameter. I look at leadership like Jesus and Krishna. Both are leaders everyone wants to emulate. They are leaders who were behind their flock not in front. That is my understanding of a leader. If we look at business world, much of it has been such that businesspeople have acted as custodians of welfare of people."

Swati Bhattacharjee, Senior Assistant Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika was also one of the speakers.



The Bengal Chamber, during the course of the programme, also felicitated Indian actor Raima Sen.

The award 'Powerful Personality and Youth Icon in Entertainment' was conferred on her by Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber, and Group President & CCRO, India Power Corporation Limited.

The event was held at the Convergence Centre, India Power Corporation Limited, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

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**Socialdialogue on Convergence and divergence on political and corporate leadership organised by The Bengal Chamber on 19th December at convergence centre, India Power Corporation Ltd**

### Corporate and political leadership must work in tandem

#### B.E. Bureau

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCC&I) recently organised a dialogue session between corporate and political leaders on the current state of the Indian economy. The session aimed to get them to converge on the issue of the present economic scenario and collectively work towards reviving the growth of the economy.

The event was held in the Convergence Centre, India Power Corporation Limited and was attended by Hemant Kanoria, Chairman Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited, Manish Gupta, former Minister of Power, Government of West Bengal, eminent journalist Swati Bhattacharjee and actress Raima Sen.

The session took note of the environment of uncertainty that is prevailing in India. Every business failure is now being equated with fraud. The views that came forth in this event resonated the view that is gaining prominence in corporate circles that, if this situation of fear and mistrust continues, it will eventually destroy the Indian entrepreneurial spirit. Entrepreneurship entails undertaking risks and for every successful entrepreneurial attempt, there are equal integers of failed efforts. The leaders present in the event agreed that there should be an atmosphere that encourages entrepreneurial spirit. However, the business atmosphere in India is getting increasingly intolerant towards business failures.

The session took cognizance of the slowdown in the financial sector. The financial services and the banking sector are experiencing an increase in non-performing assets (NPAs). As a result, bankers have become cautious lenders stagnating the economic growth of the country. The industry and political leaders present in the event stated that many of the top performing Indian companies have simply ceased to exist in the last few years due to the economic slowdown. They concluded that the political and corporate leadership in India should work together to resolve this crisis and restoration of faith needs to be the starting point. They also pointed out that traditional fiscal measures may not be sufficient and hence, it is imperative that the political and corporate leadership work in tandem.