

10th September 2015,
Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber AGM 2015

The Bengal Chamber held its Annual General Meeting 2015 on 10th of September at Kolkata. The AGM commenced with a Panel Discussion on Resurgence in Convergence - An Economic Outlook with eminent Speakers namely Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairman, The Bengal Chamber Economic Affairs Committee and Former Revenue & Finance Secretary, Government of India; Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, CEO, NITI Aayog and Dr. Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and Former Chief Economic Adviser and Member of Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.

The AGM of the Chamber was held at the most opportune time (after a year has passed since the General Elections and a year away from the State Elections) to assess the state of business in both the State and in the national economic arena, cognizant of the fact that if the Indian Economy does well, the West Bengal economy will also flourish. The conference theme - "Resurgence in Convergence - An Economic Outlook" was conceptualized in this very milieu where the outlook was to align the focus of both Governments in the realm of economic progress achieved.

The Annual General Meeting was chosen as a forum to address "Resurgence in Convergence", since the AGM signifies the most important phase of transition within our year heralding in a new set of ideas and focus while strengthening and continuing our sustainable activities launched during the previous twelve months and earlier. Hence, it is most relevant for us to host the discussions on convergence in the economic context since this is a time of inflection.

The eminent speakers spoke on various macroeconomic issues. The public-private partnership (PPP) model in the infrastructure sector has not met with the projected interest from the private companies on account of the higher risks and lending rates. Due to lack of interest from the private sector to invest in building the nation's infrastructure, an additional Rs.70,000 crore allocation had been made in this year's budget. Apart from the stalled infra projects creating stress on the economy, banking assets also continue to remain an area of concern. The non-performance of the power sector and the gloom in the steel industry has impacted the nation's banking industry. Ease of doing business is a primary area the Government is pinning its hopes on to attract investment across sectors but clearances not executed in a "time-bound and sequential" manner has been a major challenge. Supporting the vision of the government to develop the eastern zone economically, Smt. Khullar mentioned, "(West) Bengal is the gateway to Sikkim and the northeast and thus the manufacturing hub that is and around Bengal needs to be supported."

The second phase of the AGM included a special plenary session with Dr. Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, IT & Electronics, Finance & Excise, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises, Government of West Bengal. An Awards Ceremony for 'The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition 2015' was also organized by The Bengal Chamber during the second phase of the AGM. At the Special Plenary Session, the Hon'ble Minister made a fervent pitch for investments in the State, including the six smart cities it was planning to set up. Speaking at the annual general meeting of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Hon'ble Minister said the six "smart themed" cities included one on

sports at Howrah (Kolkata's twin city across the river Hooghly); a senior citizens' city at Baruipur (29 km from Kolkata); one health and education city in Siliguri (in North Bengal); an industrial city in Asansol (206 km from the State capital); for art and culture at Bolpur (155 km) and an analytics city at Kalyani (51 km). At least 25 per cent of the space in these areas (themed cities) will be reserved for the theme while commercial development can be carried out in the remaining parts. According to him, companies like HP (Hewlett Packard); Pratt & Whitney, EY and Cisco had shown interest in participating in development of these "themed cities" or in areas of e-learning, e-health, telemedicines, etc. He had also urged The Bengal Chamber to explore the possibility of collaboration with some of these companies. The Bengal Chamber, on its part, has taken up the development of the analytics city at Kalyani. Dr. Mitra also spoke about the investment scenario in the State and the progress of business.

The names of the new office bearers and members of the Managing Committee was announced in the Business Session, with the President being Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta; President Designate, Mr. Sutanu Ghosh; Senior Vice President, Mr. Aniruddha Basu and Vice President, Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh. The first Managing Committee meeting was held immediately after the Business Session.

The AGM dinner commenced with a cultural programme and the participants were enthralled by the rendition of semi classical ragas and thumris by Vidushi Ruchira Panda.



Outgoing President Dr Alok Roy delivering the Welcome Address.



Mr. Sunil Mitra, Chairman, The Bengal Chamber Economic Affairs Committee and Former Revenue & Finance Secretary, Government of India moderating the Panel Discussion.

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Smt. Sindhushree Khullar, CEO, NITI Aayog.



Dr. Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and Former Chief Economic Adviser and Member of Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I.



Panel Discussion in progress.



Incoming President Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta delivering the Vote of Thanks.



Dr Alok Roy (L) and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta (R) with Dr Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Finance and Excise, Information Technology and Electronics, Commerce and Industries, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises, Government of West Bengal.



The Past Presidents and other guests.

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Conclusion with Aguner Parashmoni sung by Dr. Indrani Sen, renowned singer and Professor of Economics



Dr Amit Mitra addressing the audience.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President welcoming the guests in the evening.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate presenting flower bouquet to Mrs. Anindita Dasgupta, First lady of the Chamber.



Vidushi Ruchira Panda presenting a semi-classical musical performance 'Megh Montage'.



The audience.

PROGRAMME

Visit to Santiniketan by the Agro and Rural Development Committee for the rural development project in villages near Bolpur

4th-5th February 2016

Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairman of the Agro and Rural Development Committee of BCC&I along with senior members of the Committee, visited Santiniketan on February 4&5, 2016 on the project initiated by the Committee for adopting five villages in and around Santiniketan, in association with VISVA BHARATI UNIVERSITY.

The main objective of this project is “Economic Upliftment of Farmers” of those five villages by providing them technical support for farming vis-à-vis market linkage of their produce through Sufal Bangla, an initiative of Agriculture Marketing Department, Government of West Bengal. The Committee led by Mr. Mukherjee along with Dr. Sabujkoli Sen, Director of Studies, Visva Bharati University and District Officers of Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal met villagers/farmers of those villages during the visit.

The following points were raised by farmers during the meetings :

- Need for Soil Health Card/Soil Testing
- Need help for Organic farming with Organic Fertilizers
- Need help to improve irrigation facilities
- Market Linkages

After meeting farmers of those villages, the Committee met Dr. Prof. Swapan Datta, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati University along with other members of the committee for a wrap up meeting. Dr. Datta assured us of all possible help for our endeavour. Dr Datta also pointed out that Drinking water and Sanitation is a big problem in the area. He also said that a lot of things are required to be done for bettering the lives of the farmers in the region. The following points/course of actions emerging out of this meeting were:

- Mobile Soil Testing Van for those villages
- Training session on Organic Fertilizer/Organic Farming
- A questionnaire to be distributed to Farmers asking for details of farming/non farming activities and offseason activities.

After the meeting Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee thanked Visva Bharati and District Officers from the Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal for their support and expressed his gratitude for the help extended by them.



Visva Bharati Guest House.



Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Prof Sabujkoli Sen, Director – Studies, Educational Innovations & Rural Reconstruction, Visva Bharati University addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr Ajoy Kar, Member, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr P. K. Sen, Member, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.

4th-5th February 2016

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Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee addressing the farmers at Ramnagar Village in Santiniketan.



Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr Ajoy Kar addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Participating Farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Wrap up meeting in the office of Prof (Dr) Swapan Datta, Pro – Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University. L-R of Dr. Datta, Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee; Mr. Goutam Mukherjee, Project Director-Sufal Bangla, Govt. of West Bengal; Dr P.K Sen; Dr Ajoy Kar; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Prof Sabujkoli Sen, Director – Studies, Educational Innovations & Rural Reconstruction, Visva Bharati University. At the back, L-R Mr Samir Kumar Ghosh, Deputy Director of Agriculture(Admin) Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Head of Department, Visva Bharati University, and Mr. Soumendra Nath Das, DDA(WBP), Govt. of West Bengal.



22nd February 2016
Jairambati, Bankura

Seminar on Potato Exports

The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Chamber organized a one day Seminar on Potato Exports in Jayrambati, Bankura on February 22, 2016 in association with Department of Agriculture Marketing, Government of West Bengal and APEDA.

Shri Arup Roy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Marketing, Govt. of West Bengal inaugurated the Seminar and addressed the gathering of 500 farmers along with Local MLA and district Agriculture Officers. The Hon'ble Minister thanked BCC&I for their tremendous efforts in reaching out to farmers and graciously agreed to help such initiatives in the future.

Dr. C B Singh, Asst. General Manager, APEDA spoke on quality of potatoes for export and stressed the need for producing quality potatoes in the State. He thanked BCC&I for their endeavour and also agreed to help the Chamber in these matters.

Technical discussions on increasing the production and improving the quality of potato to match the international market standards was highlighted by Prof. Pranab Chatterjee, BCKV and Dr. Ajoy Kar, Soil Scientist. Prof. Chatterjee spoke about the higher and uneconomic doses of fertilizers used by farmers thereby increasing the cost of cultivation. Dr. Kar spoke about the nutrient uptake pattern of potato and the need for efficient fertilizer use. He urged the farmers to use the right nutrients along with organic manures to improve the storage quality of potatoes.



Shri Arup Roy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Marketing, Govt. of West Bengal.

Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee also announced that the Bengal Chamber's Agriculture and Rural Development Committee would take initiative for soil testing in the surrounding villages for the quality production of potatoes for export.

This was an initiative of the Chamber directly connected with its farmer outreach programme, for which the Chamber is in close connect with the Government of West Bengal.



Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairman, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Bengal Chamber at the lectern.



The 500 farmers and exporters who were in the audience.

PROGRAMME

Farmer's Training on Vermicompost Culture in association with Visva Bharati University, Agricultural Training Centre

10th-11th May 2016
Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur

The programme was held as part of the on-going project of the Chamber in Birbhum as part of which the Chamber has adopted five villages near Santiniketan with the objective of infusing more efficiency in their agricultural practices and turning them into model villages. In this context a group of 30 farmers were selected from these villages for a training programme on vermicomposting, which was held at the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur.

Introductory Programme on 10th May 2016 :

Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President of the Chamber welcomed all present at the programme and informed all that the Chamber will, in future, regularly organize such programmes for the benefit of farmers. He thanked Visva Bharati University and Ramakrishna Mission for their help in reaching out to the farmers.

Dr. Manas Ghosh, Principal, Agricultural Training Centre, Narendrapur also spoke on the occasion and informed farmers present about the need of this training and thanked the Chamber for its endeavour in this field. Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram also spoke on the occasion and gave his blessings to the farmers who came all the way from Birbhum District.

Valedictory Session on 11th May 2016 :

Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal graced the occasion and spoke about the need of such training for the benefit of the farmers and thanked the Chamber for its efforts and assured the Chamber his wholehearted support in such endeavours in future. After the meeting, Dr. Chopra issued the Certificate of Training on Vermicompost Culture to the farmers.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta addressing the programme



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal during his address



A section of farmers attending the training session



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra presenting certificates to the farmers along with Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber (Left) with Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur. At the middle is, Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra amongst the farmers after the training

PROGRAMME

2nd Roundtable Meeting with Stakeholders on "Samriddhi – Kalyani Analytics City"

13th October 2015
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the 2nd Stakeholders' Meeting on Samriddhi-Kalyani Analytics City on 13th October 2015 in the Chamber with Credai Bengal.

The Meeting was addressed by:

- Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - Mr. Sushil Mohta, President, Credai Bengal
 - Mr. Harsh Vardhan Patodia, Vice President, Credai (National)
 - Mr. Dulal Mukherjee, Proprietor, Dulal Mukherjee and Associates and Managing Committee Member, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - Ms. Debjani Dutta, Joint Managing Director, WBHIDCO Ltd
- Credai Bengal was invited to this meeting with the objective of seeking their expert opinion from the perspective of the developers. Mr. Sushil Mohta mentioned that there was prospect for a project like this. Mr. Harsh Vardhan Patodia shared the under mentioned observations:
- A Letter of Interest/Expression of Interest from an anchor organization would give confidence to the investors.
 - Social DNA of Kalyani like AIIMS and other institutions would provide a positive impact.
 - Cost of operations might be included in the bid document.
 - Credai Bengal would like to present the concept to the members pan India after the RFQ is available.
 - Tax benefit for the occupants in the city would also encourage more organizations to join.



(L-R): Ms. Debjani Dutta, Joint Managing Director, WBHIDCO Ltd; Mr. Sushil Mohta, President, Credai Bengal; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Harsh Vardhan Patodia, Vice President, Credai (National) and Mr. Dulal Mukherjee, Proprietor, Dulal Mukherjee and Associates and Managing Committee Member, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Site Visit to "Samriddhi – Kalyani Analytics City", 9th August 2016

The Bengal Chamber coordinated a visit for senior officers of the Belani Group to the site of "Samriddhi- Kalyani Analytics City" on 9th August 2016. BCC&I made the necessary arrangements in synchronization with the Urban Development Department, Government of West Bengal to facilitate the visit. The officials were accompanied by Mr. Sambit Dasgupta of BCC&I from Kolkata and was attended and hosted in Kalyani by Mr. Khalid Kaiser- Estate Manager Kalyani. The officials expressed their happiness on seeing the plot and took notes of the nitty-gritties of the imminent project.



Officials of Belani Group, Mr. Dorjee Sherpa, Sr. Manager, Business Development & Marketing Department and Mr. Subrata Bhakat, Manager-Marketing understanding the geography of the location

- The time limit of 6 months' of possession was requested to be extended as the project would require a number of clearances.
- It was also mentioned by the stakeholders present that the Definition and Scope of 'Analytics' should be included in the bid document.

Ms. Debjani Dutta shared a video of the Government of West Bengal on the 6 theme based cities. Ms Dutta also made a presentation on:

- Project USP
- Township Policy
- Project Structuring Features

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry has discussed the concept with major stakeholders both in domestic and international markets and has received a most encouraging response.

The concept was launched in The Bengal Chamber's Business Analytics Innovation Summit on 10th December 2014 in Taj Bengal, Kolkata. (The programme schedule, presentations shared by speakers, photographs and YouTube link of the video are available in <http://www.bengalchamber.com/business-analytics-innovation-summit.html>).

Dr. R Seetharaman, Group CEO, Doha Bank visited Kolkata on 10th and 11th July for a programme Doha Bank co-hosted with The Bengal Chamber. He was also very enthused to hear about the concept and consented in-principle to provide financial assistance to a project like this.



Meeting in progress.



Officials of Belani Group accompanied by Mr. Khalid Kaiser- Estate Manager Kalyani (extreme left) and Mr. Sambit Dasgupta of BCC&I (extreme right) at the site

26th February 2016,
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State Vote on Account Viewing Session

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the State Vote on Account (presented by the Hon'ble Finance Minister of the State Government, Dr. Amit Mitra) Viewing Session on 26th February, 2016 in the ITC Room of the Chamber. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I & Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd., Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Senior Professor & Former Principal cum Dean, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies; Prof. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor of Economics & Former Head of Department, Jadavpur University attended the Session and briefed the media on the Chamber's reactions.



1. Viewing Session of the State Vote on Account in progress (L-R): Prof. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor of Economics & Former Head of Department, Jadavpur University; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Economist, Senior Professor & Former Principal cum Dean, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies.

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State Vote on Account Viewing Session

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Viewing Session of the State Vote on Account in progress.



Media interaction in progress.

Union Budget Viewing Session

29th February 2016
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Union Budget 2016-17 Viewing Session on 29th February, 2016 in the Williamson Magor Hall of the Chamber. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I & Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of

India; Mr. T.B. Chatterjee, Chairperson – Indirect Tax Committee, BCC&I and Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited; Dr. Bhaskar Banerjee, Past President, and Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President were present. Members from the Managing Committee, Direct Taxes Committee and Indirect Taxes Committee also attended the Session. The Budget Viewing Session was followed by an analysis of the Budget and media interactions. The Chamber's reaction to the Budget was televised in the media.



Viewing Session of the Union Budget 2016 – 17 in progress.



Viewing Session of the Union Budget 2016 – 17 in progress (L-R) Mr. T.B. Chatterjee, Chairperson – Indirect Tax Committee, BCC&I; Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I.



Viewing Session of the Union Budget 2016 – 17 in progress.



Media Interaction in progress.

1st March, 2016
The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata

Post-Budget Analysis Session
'Union Budget 2016-17: An In-depth Analysis'

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and KPMG India organized the post-budget analysis session 'Union Budget 2016-17: An In-depth Analysis' on 1st March, 2016 at The Oberoi Grand. Welcome Address was given by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I and Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG. Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India presided over the opening session and discussed economic perspectives on Budget 2016-17. Mr. Rahul Mitra, Partner and National Head, BEPS & Tax Dispute Resolution, KPMG and Mr. Sanjay Garg, Partner, Indirect Tax, KPMG deliberated on implications on Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes respectively.



Welcome Address by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG.



Panel Discussion in progress (L-R) Mr. Sushil Mohta, Chairman, CREDAI Bengal and Managing Director, Merlin Projects Limited; Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Chief Economist, Axis Bank; Shri Sunil Mitra; Mr. Sanjiv Paul, Managing Director, Tata Metaliks Limited and Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, CEO, Ambrosia Enterprise Pvt. Ltd.



The audience.

The Opening Session was followed by a Panel Discussion with experts from the Industry who all addressed on the overall economic impact and also from the perspective of their respective areas of interest. The Panel Discussion was chaired by Shri Sunil Mitra. Other panelists were Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Chief Economist, Axis Bank, Mr. Sanjiv Paul, Managing Director, Tata Metaliks Limited, Mr. Sushil Mohta, Chairman, CREDAI Bengal and Managing Director, Merlin Projects Limited and Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, CEO, Ambrosia Enterprise Pvt. Ltd.

There was also a Q/A session with the audience. The Panel Discussion was followed by networking lunch. The Post Budget analysis session was attended by more than 250 delegates.



Opening Session (L-R) Mr. Rahul Mitra, Partner and National Head, BEPS & Tax Dispute Resolution, KPMG; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG; Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Sanjay Garg, Partner, Indirect Tax, KPMG.



Q/A Session in progress.

24th June 2016
Chamber Premises

State Budget Viewing Session 2016-17

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the annual State Budget Viewing Session 2016-17 on 24th June 2016 in the ITC Room of the Chamber. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I & Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Professor Nabinananda Sen, Associate Professor & Former Head, Dept. of Business Management, Calcutta University; Dr. Vivekananda Mukherjee, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University; Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson – Indirect Tax Committee of BCC&I & Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP and members from the Managing Committee and Indirect Taxes Committee attended the Session. The State Budget Viewing Session also included analysis of the Budget and media interactions. The Chamber's reaction to the Budget was televised in the media and carried widely in print.



Viewing Session of the State Budget in progress (L-R) Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Tax Committee of BCC&I & Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I & Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I



Viewing Session of the State Budget in progress



Media Interaction in progress

Interactive Think Tank Session for Joint Research in Future Technologies

13th May 2016
Lalit Great Eastern

The Australian Trade Commission (Australian Government), The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Curtin University, Australia, organised an Interactive Think Tank Session for Joint Research in Future Technologies in the evening of Friday, 13th May, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Lalit Great Eastern.

The respected dignitaries who graced the evening included Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Australia (to India) Ms Harinder Sidhu; Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Brett Kirk of Curtin University and President Designate of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) Mr Sutanu Ghosh among many other notable figures. The Bengal Chamber was the partner for the evening.

Curtin University boasts of an impressive bank of faculty, which comprises of Prof. Vishnu Pareek, The Head of School for Chemical Engineering, Prof. Michele Rosano, The Head of School of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Prof. Ian Howard, The Head of School of Engineering Asset Management, to name a few. Each of the Heads of their respective departments, introduced their subjects, which ranged from Electrical Engineering to Sustainable

Development. "We expect significant collaboration between Australia and India, in the area of energy, because both countries have complementary business needs. For example, Australia is a large producer of LNG, and India is likely to import even more LNG in the future", concluded Prof. Pareek.

"With the burgeoning middle class economy on the cusp of expansion, and a growing population, Indian industrial production will need to consider a more sustainable model of production to meet the increasing standards of environmental management and stewardship expected by modern citizens and governments. We believe our experience in Industrial Ecology and cleaner production have many lessons for the journey ahead. The Sustainable Engineering Group want to share these lessons with the Indian Industry", explained Prof. Rosano, upholding the basic underlying principle of Curtin University, which is encouraging Sustainable Living, among all the inhabitants of the planet.

The interactive session concluded with a formal vote of thanks. The session was well attended by more than 150 senior delegates.

Interactive Think Tank Session for Joint Research in Future Technologies

13th May 2016
Lalit Great Eastern



Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Australia (to India) Ms. Harinder Sidhu, delivering the keynote address



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate of the Chamber delivering the welcome address

24th May 2016
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Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme

Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme sponsored by UGC-RCN under Indo-Norwegian Cooperation Programme 2014 (INCP), Organized by the Global Change Program, Jadavpur University and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 24th May 2016, Chamber premises

A programme was organized jointly by the Global Change Program, Jadavpur University and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with funding from the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Research Council of Norway (RCN) under the Indo-Norwegian Cooperation Program (INCP) on 24th May 2016 in the Chamber premises.

With fast depleting fossil fuel reserves and climate change problem, supply and use of energy have a distinct possibility of paradigm shift all over the world. With introduction of new technologies and use pattern, newly trained manpower in the field of energy is an inevitable need. With overall acceptability of the concept of 'sustainable energy', the need for change in energy education is most pressing. The objective of this program was to address and discuss this need. Experienced speakers from both industry and academia shared their ideas in this respect.

The programme ran in two sessions. Eminent speakers who addressed the sessions were Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman,

Solyvent Flakt (India) Private Limited; Prof. Ajay Kumar Roy, Director, IIST; Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata; Prof. Oluf Langhelle, University of Stavanger, Norway; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson Energy & Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, Ghosh Bose and Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairman Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Prof. Mohsen Assadi, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Stavanger and Managing Director of Center for Sustainable Energy Solutions (cenSE) Norway; Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited; Prof. Joyashree Roy, Coordinator, Global Change Program, Jadavpur University; Shri Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Deputy General Manager (Training), CESC Limited; Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, Director - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP and Dr. Dipak Sen Choudhury, Advisor-Technology and Innovation, Exide Industries Limited. The programme was introduced by Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the theme of the programme was laid down by Dr. Sudipta De (Programme Coordinator), Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Core Committee member, GCP-JU, Jadavpur University. The programme was well attended by more than 130 delegates.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I, commencing the session.



Dr. Sudipta De, Jadavpur University, setting the theme of the programme.

PROGRAMME

Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme

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Audience interaction with the panelists



Dr. Dipak Sen Choudhury, Advisor-Technology and Innovation, Exide Industries Limited



Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairman Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata during his speech



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh Bose and Associates Pvt. Ltd. during his speech



Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, Director - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP



Mr. Alok Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, Solvent Flakt (India) Private Limited, moderator of the Inaugural Panel



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson Energy & Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited

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Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme



Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, IIC Limited



Panelists of the Inaugural Session



Prof. Ajoy Kumar Roy, Director, IIEST during his speech



Prof. Joyashree Roy, Coordinator, Global Change Program, Jadavpur University



Prof. Mohsen Assadi, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Stavanger and Managing Director of Center for Sustainable Energy Solutions, Norway



Prof. Oluf Langhelle, University of Stavanger, Norway, during his speech



Section of the audience



Shri Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Deputy General Manager (Training), CESC Limited

PROGRAMME

The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition 2015

1st and 10th September 2015,
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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized "The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition 2015" on 1st September 2015 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Chamber Premises followed by the final award ceremony on 10th September 2015 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Chamber Premises (during the AGM of the Chamber).

The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition initiative was conceptualized by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry to help identify and reward all entrepreneurs of West Bengal with outstanding entrepreneurial vision, irrespective of their size, wealth and competencies who are instrumental in the socio-economic development of the State. The aim of the initiative was to encourage the dynamic, sustainable and forward thinking entrepreneurs of West Bengal. This initiative recognized entrepreneurship aiming at promoting further entrepreneurial activity. As such, the recognition also aimed to contribute to the growth of Bengal's dynamic entrepreneurial network.

The Panel of Judges for this programme were Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Chairman – Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited and Past President – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. S Radhakrishnan, President – TIE Kolkata and Past President – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, Managing Director – Ghosh, Bose & Associates Private Limited and President Designate – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Forty-Seven companies from both Services and Non-Services sectors participated in this project out of which six companies from the Services sector and six companies from Non-Services sector qualified for the final round of recognition. After presentations and one-to-one interviews for each company representative in front of the panel of judges, the Winner, 1st

Runner up and 2nd Runner up of both Services and Non-Services sectors were finalized by the panel of judges. Their awards were presented to them on 10th September 2015 by the Chief Guest of the Annual General Meeting 2015 of The Chamber, Dr. Amit Mitra (Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, Finance and Excise, Information Technology and Electronics, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises, Government of West Bengal). The winners were :

Winner (Services sector) - Ms. Nabonita Bose Mukherjee of Bubbs Co.

First Runner-Up (Services sector) - Mr. Sanjeev Kothari of Orion Edutech Pvt. Ltd.

Second Runner-Up (Services Sector) - Mr. Bodhisattva Banerjee of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology

Winner (Non-Services Sector) - Mr. Sagar J Daryani and Mr. Binod Kr. Homagai of Wow Momo Foods Private Limited

First Runner-Up (Non-Services sector) - Mr. Somenath Mukherjee of Bengal Speech & Hearing Private Limited

Second Runner-Up (Non Services sector) - Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary of Vikram Solar Private Limited.

Dr. Amit Mitra greatly appreciated this initiative of The Bengal Chamber and asked the Chamber to continue this type of initiative to inspire Bengal's young and small businesses to unlock their entrepreneurial potential which will in turn help to mitigate the effects of any crisis and contribute to achieving our socio-economic goals on the ground.



Welcome Address by Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Chairman – Howden Solyvent (India) Pvt. Ltd and Past President - The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Participants from both Services and Non Services sectors with their recognition/awards.



A section of the audience.



Mr. Binod Kr Homagai and Mr. Sagar J Daryani of Wow Momo Foods Pvt. Ltd. receiving the Winner's trophy (Non Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra (Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge – Commerce and Industries, Finance and Excise, Information Technology and Electronics, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises, Government of West Bengal).

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Ms. Nabonita Bose Mukherjee of Bubbs Co. receiving the Winner's trophy (Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra.



Representative on behalf of Mr. Somenath Mukherjee of Bengal Speech & Hearing Pvt. Ltd. receiving the 1st Runner-up trophy (Non Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra.



Mr. Sanjeev Kothari of Orion Edutech Pvt. Ltd. receiving the 1st Runner-up trophy (Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra.



Mr. Bodhisattva Banerjee of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology receiving the 2nd Runner-up trophy (Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra.



Representative on behalf of Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary of Vikram Solar Pvt. Ltd. receiving the 2nd Runner-up trophy (Non Services Sector) from Dr. Amit Mitra.



The MSME and Entrepreneurship Forum Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized this year's "The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition 2016" awards programme on Friday, 19th August 2016 at the Williamson Magor Hall in the Chamber Premises.

"The Bengal Entrepreneurship Recognition" initiative has been undertaken by The Bengal Chamber to help identify and reward entrepreneurs of West Bengal with outstanding entrepreneurial vision irrespective of their size and capital who are instrumental in the socio-economic development of the State. The aim of the initiative is to encourage dynamic, sustainable and forward thinking entrepreneurs of West Bengal, who are contributing to the development of the State's economy. This Initiative recognizes entrepreneurship aiming at promoting further entrepreneurial activity. The recognition also aims to contribute to the promotion, growth & implementation of Bengal's dynamic entrepreneurial network.

Guest Speakers at the programme were Shri Sadhan Pande, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Consumer Affairs Department and Self Help Group & Self Employment Department, Government of West Bengal, Mr Sandip Mukherjee, Regional Corporate Affairs Manager, Amway India Enterprises Pvt Ltd

and Dr Debapi Roy, ABO (Amway Business Owner).

The 1st edition (conducted in 2015) had seen around 50(fifty) budding entrepreneurs being recognized for their initiatives and at least 3 (three) successful entrepreneurs, each from the Manufacturing and the Service sector receiving Awards from the State's Finance & Commerce and Industries Minister, Dr. Amit Mitra at The Bengal Chamber's Annual General Meeting of 2015.

This year apart from Services and Manufacturing Sector, Start-ups have been added as a separate category to encourage and promote new businesses and ideas. The main objective of this initiative is not competition but to recognize the efforts of entrepreneurs towards the overall socio-economic development of the State. There were applications from different industry verticals like IT & ITES, Manufacturing, Retail, Hospitality, HR, Education, Real Estate, Financial Services and others.

Applications this year were under 3 categories :

- Services Sector
- Manufacturing Sector
- Start-ups

Total 6 applications from the Start-ups, 7 from Manufacturing and 9 from services sector have been shortlisted for the final interview. These are :

Sl no	Start up	Manufacturing	Service Sector
1	Dimensions Interior Solutions	Arambagh Foodmart Pvt Ltd	Axsys Technologies Ltd
2	GRIP Consulting	I & B Engineers Pvt Ltd	Blue Copper Technologies Pvt Ltd
3	ISOAH Data Securities Pvt Ltd	Indo Webal Surgical Pvt Ltd	Capital Numbers Infotech Pvt Ltd
4	Soinit Technology Solutions Pvt Ltd	Kusari Enterprise	Codeclouds IT Solutions Pvt Ltd
5	Krishworks Technology and Research Labs Pvt Ltd (Team Krishna)	Neogi Technologies and Research Pvt Ltd	Eduplex Solutions Pvt Ltd
6	Team Taurus Food & Hospitality Services Pvt Ltd	Vikram Solar Private Limited	Mjunction Services Ltd
7		Wow Momo Foods Pvt. Ltd.	Primarc Pecan Retail Pvt Ltd
8			Som Imaging Informatics Pvt Ltd
9			Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd

The final interview is scheduled on 30th August 2016.

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Mr. S Radhakrishnan, President, TIE Kolkata and Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcoming the Chief Guest, Shri Sadhan Pande, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Consumer Affairs Department and Self Help Group & Self Employment Department, Government of West Bengal



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner and Head Management Consulting and Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. delivering his address



Shri Sadhan Pande, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Consumer Affairs Department and Self Help Group & Self Employment Department, Government of West Bengal addressing the audience



Mr. Sandip Mukherjee, Regional Corporate Affairs Manager, Amway India Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. addressing the audience



Mr. S Radhakrishnan delivering the Theme Address



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Welcome Address



Shri Sadhan Pande presenting Recognition Memento and Certificate to Entrepreneurs

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Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting Recognition Memento and Certificate to Entrepreneurs



Mr. S Radhakrishnan presenting Recognition Memento and Certificate to Entrepreneurs



Presentation by Dr. Debapi Roy, ABO (Amway Business Owner)



Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting memento to Dr Debapi Roy, ABO (Amway Business Owner)



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha



Dignitaries on the dais



A section of the participants

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata jointly organized a Dialogue on “Climate Smart City” and a Green Adda on “Climate Smart Kolkata” from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on 10th February 2016 at The Park, Kolkata as part of the GREAT Britain in Kolkata Week.

The Dialogue on Climate Smart City focused on discussion on city level solutions in the form of policies or in the form of implementation of innovative projects, to address opportunities and challenges arising out of climate change. Kolkata with a population of more than 16 million is a vital centre of economic growth in key emerging markets in Eastern India. But at the same time, it has also been identified as a city which is extremely vulnerable to climate change, since it is exposed to sea level rise, flooding, heat waves, water shortages and climate-induced disasters such as increasingly severe and frequent storms and cyclones. Also the speed of urbanisation is fast emerging as an enhancer of the risks. Many reports over the years have stated that impacts of climate change could have far reaching consequences, not only for the people living in this city, but on business, national economy, trade and investment flowing into the State.

The panellists included Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Board; Mr. Simon Petrie, First Secretary - Low Carbon Growth, Energy, Climate and Growth Unit, British High Commission-DFID, India; Ar. Shakuntala Ghosh, Principal Architect and Partner, Ghosh Bose & Associates and Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited. The Dialogue was moderated by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The Dialogue was followed by the Green Adda on “Climate Smart

Kolkata” which was an attempt to bring together eminent personalities and thought leaders from different walks of life to present views on how Kolkata can be one of the greenest, cleanest and climate smart cities of the world.

The Adda was joined by Mr. Barun Chanda, Actor and Author; Prof. Amita Dutt, Uday Shankar Chair Professor of Dance and Director, Performing Arts Therapy Centre, Faculty of Fine Arts, Rabindra Bharati University; Smt. Sharbari Datta, Fashion Designer and Mr. Joydeep Karmakar, Olympian Shooter. Mr. Scott Fursessedonn-Wood, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata moderated the Adda.

Shri Debasish Kumar, Member of Mayor-in-Council, Kolkata Municipal Corporation graced the occasion.

At the event, there was a curtain raiser of the proposed Kolkata Climate Change Cell being established at Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) which will be India’s first ever integrated and dedicated climate cell at a municipality with a dedicated web-portal and mobile app for citizens. The Climate Change Cell is part of the two-year UK-KMC Programme valued at £ 1 Million. The programme has helped design a Roadmap towards a low carbon and climate resilient Kolkata.

The launch of a mobile app also took place in the programme on 10th February. The mobile app is a first-of-its-kind in the country and is intended to give information on various eco-friendly measures and alerts during disasters as part of preparedness planning. The app also consists of rooftop solar feasibility calculator, which is a one-of-its-kind initiative in India. This Climate Change Cell initiative is expected to help citizens take steps at the individual and collective level.



Dialogue on Climate Smart City (L-R): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Ar. Shakuntala Ghosh, Principal Architect and Partner, Ghosh Bose & Associates; Mr. Simon Petrie, First Secretary - Low Carbon Growth, Energy, Climate and Growth Unit, British High Commission-DFID, India; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Board and Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited.



Green Adda (L-R): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Barun Chanda, Actor and Author; Mr. Scott Fursessedonn-Wood, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata; Smt. Sharbari Datta, Fashion Designer; Prof. Amita Dutt, Uday Shankar Chair Professor of Dance and Director, Performing Arts Therapy Centre, Faculty of Fine Arts, Rabindra Bharati University and Mr. Joydeep Karmakar, Olympian Shooter



Launching of the Mobile App(L-R): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee; Mr. Scott Fursessedonn-Wood; Shri Debasish Kumar, Member of Mayor-in-Council, Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Mr. Sutanu Ghosh.



Interactive Session with the 150-plus strong audience.

PROGRAMME

Green Fair, 20th November 2015

Lincoln Room at the American Center
Kolkata

The U.S. Consulate Kolkata hosted its first Green Fair on 20th November, 2015. The fair themed as “Think Globally, Act Locally” was hosted at the American Center in collaboration with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kolkata. This fair was part of the U.S. Government’s global climate change awareness campaign.

The initiative was about the US Consulate Kolkata along with select corporate houses, Public Sector offices, civic bodies, urban planners and NGOs showcasing their greening efforts in their respective establishments with the aim to aid “Greening Kolkata”. Green-tech models for renewable energy, green finance options and environmental initiatives for healthier neighbourhoods were also highlighted at this fair.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber addressing.



Mayor James Brainard of Carmel, Indiana, USA addressing.

Mr. James (Jim) Brainard, Mayor of Carmel, Indiana in the United States was the keynote speaker on sustainable development and energy efficiency. Interacting with participants and attendees at the fair Mayor Brainard shared notes on how governments, businesses and individuals around the world are helping #ActOnClimate.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate of the Bengal Chamber presented the Kolkata perspective on climate change mitigation and environmental initiatives.



Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Commercial Service, Kolkata and Mr. Sutanu Ghosh interacting with the NGOs, which had participated in the exhibition.



The audience. Mr. Craig Hall, US Consul General in Kolkata is seated beside Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, who is third from right.



4th March 2016
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This programme was organized in association with Jadavpur University. The speaker was Michael Shellenberger, a Time Magazine "Hero of the Environment" and Founder & President, Environmental Progress, USA. The programme was attended by representatives from Industry, Academia, Development Agencies and Consulates. Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute was also present in the programme sharing his perspectives on Nuclear Energy.



Talk on "What India can learn from the history of environmental progress?"



The audience.

(L-R): Dr. Joyashree Roy, Professor of Economics, Coordinator, Global Change Programme, Jadavpur University; Dr. Michael Shellenberger, Founder & President, Environmental Progress, USA; Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute and Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber

14th March 2016
Chamber Premises

Facilitating Indo-US Science and Technology Forum – Meeting with Professor Ashok Gadgil, Director of the Energy and Environmental Technologies Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and Dr. Sathish Kumar, Senior Manager - R&D, Eureka Forbes Ltd.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in keeping with its focus of facilitating overseas business linkages especially Indo-US business, organized a meeting between Professor Ashok Gadgil, Director of the Energy and Environmental Technologies Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley with Dr. Sathish Kumar, Senior Manager - R&D, Eureka Forbes Ltd on 14th March 2016 in the Chamber.

Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Consulate General in Kolkata forwarded this case to the Chamber. It was coordinated by Prof. Joyashree Roy, Coordinator, Global Change Programme, Jadavpur University. Prof. Roy is leading a team which is working to commercialize an arsenic remediation technology developed at the University of California at Berkeley. The commercialization efforts are being made under a grant from the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum. Prof. Gadgil is the developer of the technology and he was himself present in Kolkata on 14th March to meet the potential licensees. Dr. Sathish Kumar came down from Bangalore, on request of the Chamber, exclusively for this meeting.

Prof. Gadgil referred to NITI Aayog which will provide Rs 1,000 crore to save a large population in various States where people are forced to consume groundwater that contains excess of health-crippling arsenic and fluoride. The plan is to install community water purification plants (CWPPs), each of which would provide 1,000 litres of drinking water an hour for which users will have to pay 10 paise per litre. Groundwater contamination - also including that of iron, salinity and nitrate - has become a serious public health crisis, particularly in rural pockets, affecting over 3.61 crore people in 63,831 pockets across half of India's districts, latest government data shows. The

said technology also aims to provide arsenic free drinking water to communities. Unlike Reverse Osmosis system, this technology will have no rejection of water. It may be executed completely on local supply chain. Though it requires electricity, intermittent supply may also be utilized. It may also be run on renewable energy. It will, however, be more expensive in that case.

Prof. Roy mentioned that there is huge scope of work for supplying safe irrigation water. Further research may be undertaken for it.

Facilitation of this meeting was in sync with the Chamber's initiative of setting up a US-India Business Help Desk and Industry-Academia Meet. Apart from Prof. Gadgil, Dr. Kumar and Prof. Joyashree Roy, the meeting was attended by Mr. Arup Kumar Mitra, Senior Commercial Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



The Meeting in progress

PROGRAMME

Discussion Forum on "Power since Paris"

1st April, 2016
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Discussion Forum on "Power since Paris" from 10:30 a.m. on 1st April, 2016 at The Park, Kolkata. Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), delivered a Special Address on "Cop 21: Impact on India". Dr. Mathur was the spokesperson for the Indian Delegation at the U.N. Climate Change Conference of Parties in Paris.

Among other issues, Dr. Mathur mentioned about significance of economics, policies, legal framework and business models to make the commitments made in the Paris Convention a reality. He shared his appreciation for the Government of France for organizing the Convention and engaging the Policy Makers to achieve the best each country may offer. He emphasized that with suitable policy level intervention and developing appropriate business models, the set target of producing 175 GW of renewable energy is achievable as the commitment has been made voluntarily by the country keeping in consideration all aspects. The same is relevant for the other major

negotiators as well.

Dr. Mathur's Address was followed by a Panel Discussion on 'India's Power Realities – from Generation to Consumers'. Mr. Sanjay Seth, Secretary, Bureau of Energy Efficiency moderated the Panel Discussion. The Panelists included Mr. Prithviraj Nath, Policy Analyst and Head, CUTS International, Kolkata; Mr. A K Goswami, Director, India Power Corporation Limited and Mr. A Mandal, President - Business Development, Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited. The Panel observed loss of power as a major challenge in the current scenario. Consumers' aspects included assurance and quality power. It was highlighted that there is a gap in connectivity and availability of power.

The programme was attended by over 150 participants including senior representatives from industry, academia, development agencies and Consulates. French Consul General Mr. Damien Syed was also present apart from Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer of the United States in Kolkata.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address.



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI, delivering the Special Address on "Cop 21: Impact on India"



Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairperson Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee presenting a memento to Dr. Ajay Mathur.



Media Interaction with Dr. Ajay Mathur in progress.



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber setting the agenda for the Discussions of the day.



Interactive Session.



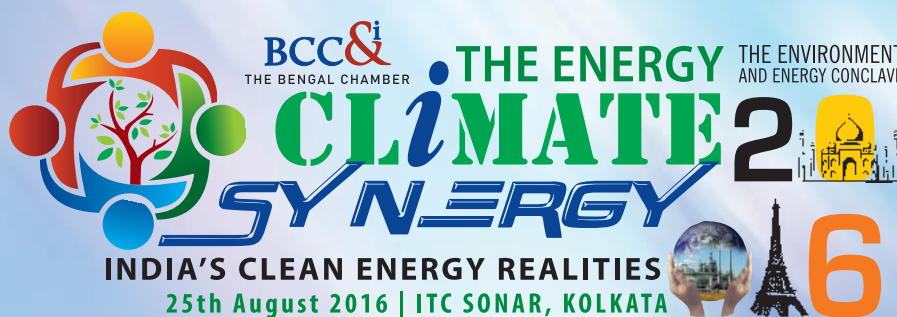
Panel Discussion in progress. Seated (L-R): Mr. A K Goswami, Director, India Power Corporation Limited; Mr. Sanjay Seth, Secretary, Bureau of Energy Efficiency; Mr. Prithviraj Nath, Policy Analyst and Head, CUTS International, Kolkata and Mr. A Mandal, President - Business Development, Techno Electric and Engineering Company Limited.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber setting the 'Way Forward' at the conclusion of the programme.

25th August 2016
The ITC Sonar, Kolkata

Ninth Annual Environment and Energy Conclave 2016



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the ninth edition of the Chamber's signature programme, the Environment and Energy Conclave, in association with Coal India Limited, on 25th August 2016 in ITC Sonar, Kolkata. Shri Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of West Bengal graced the Conclave as the Chief Guest. The Conclave featured signing of Memorandum of Understanding between The Energy and Resources Institute and the Chamber for working together in the realm of Renewables and allied areas. Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed the MoU. Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata made a Special Presentation on 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Dr. Ajay Mathur, set the tone by speaking on, 'Will the Climate Change after Paris? - As assessment of India's energy strategies and INDCs'. Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, Coal India Ltd spoke about, 'Coal – India's mainstay - What you did not know about Coal – an efficient clean and low emission pathway'. Shri Anil Razdan, IAS, Former Secretary, Power, Government of India delivered his address on, 'The Balance between Conventional and Renewables for India's Energy Basket – Economic Feasibility'. Shri P S Bhattacharyya, Former Chairman and Managing Director, Coal India Ltd presented the Theme 'The Energy Climate Synergy'. The Inaugural Session also included a Power Panel which had Mr. Deepak Amitabh, IRS, Chairman and Managing Director, PTC India Limited; Mr. Debasis Gupta, GM (Special Projects), CESC Limited and Mr. Santosh Kamath, Partner-Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. as speakers. The topics were 'Open Access, Electricity Trading and power Markets in India'; 'Power Distribution for the future' and 'Ever evolving and increasingly important energy sector in India' respectively. CUTS International was the Consumer Connect Partner of

the Chamber. Mr. Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International presented the Draft Comments on the Conclave theme, which would be finalized after collating the speeches and recommendations of the speakers.

The Sessions on 'Generating cost effective power in the context of progressive technology' and 'How feasible is the Renewables Target of 175 GW by 2022' were joined by Mr. Ashok Kr Goswami, Wholetime Director, India Power Corporation Limited; Dr. R R Sonde, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President, Research, Innovation & Technology, Thermax Limited; Dr. Bikash Sinha, Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE, Former Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India; Mr Shirish S Garud, Director, EETD (Energy-Environment Technology Development) Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Mr. Sriram Kuchimanchi, Founder and Principal, Smarter Dharma.

Dr. Kirit S Parikh, Former Member, Planning Commission and Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) was the Valedictory Speaker who addressed on 'Business Opportunities in the era of Energy Climate Synergy'.

The annual Environment and Energy Conclave, an international forum for Climate Change mitigation and business response, is held every August and is the preferred forum for discussing environmental and climate challenges and mitigation actions in sync with India's clean energy-led development pathway.

This year, The Conclave addressed the issue of bringing about a balance in India's energy basket and power infrastructure by focusing on the theme, "Energy Climate Synergy – India's Clean Energy Realities".

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Shri Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of West Bengal delivering the Inaugural Address



Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata making a special presentation on "An Inconvenient Truth"



Shri P S Bhattacharyya, Former Chairman and Managing Director, Coal India Ltd Presenting the Conference Theme



Shri Anil Razdan, Former Secretary, Power, Government of India addressing 'The Balance between Conventional and Renewables for India's Energy Basket – Economic Feasibility'



Shri Sutirtha Bhattacharya, IAS, Chairman and Managing Director, Coal India Ltd speaking on 'Coal – India's mainstay: What you did not know about Coal – an efficient clean and low emission pathway'



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute addressing 'Will the Climate Change after Paris? - As assessment of India's energy strategies and INDCs'



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a Bonsai, as memento, to Shri Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Power & Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of West Bengal

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Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry commences the Conclave



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry moderating the Inaugural Session



Signing of MoU - The Bengal Chamber & TERI to work together on Renewables and allied areas



Exchange of MoU



Release of the Position Paper prepared by CUTS International.



Mr. Deepak Amitabh, IRS, Chairman and Managing Director, PTC India Limited addressing 'Open Access, Electricity Trading and Power Markets in India'.



Mr. Debasis Gupta, GM (Special Projects), CESC Limited speaking on 'Power Distribution for the future'.



Mr. Santosh Kamath, Partner-Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. addressing 'Ever evolving and increasingly important energy sector in India'.

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Mr. Uday S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International presenting the Position Paper by the Consumer Connect Partner (CUTS).



(L-R): Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairperson Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Ashok Kr Goswami, Wholetime Director, India Power Corporation Limited; Mr Shirish S Garud, Director, EETD (Energy-Environment Technology Development) Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); Dr. R R Sonde, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President, Research, Innovation & Technology, Thermax Limited; Mr. Sriram Kuchimanchi, Founder and Principal, Smarter Dharma and Dr. Bikash Sinha, Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE, Former Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics and Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India.



Valedictory Session: Business Opportunities in the era of Energy Climate Synergy by Dr. Kirit S Parikh, Former Member, Planning Commission and Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe).



Part of the 350 plus audience.



The Conclave in progress.



During the proceedings.

3rd February 2016
The Park

Loan for All' Conclave 2016 - Strategies for Accessing Adequate Funding: Focusing East

The Bengal Chamber organised the Loan for All Conclave on 3rd February 2016. From past few years with the significant rise in the service sector the definition of middle class in terms of wealth has changed completely. Ranging from car, home, or any dream products which was beyond reach of a middle class man has been made affordable to them via various loan schemes. Gold as an instrument of alternative funding source has been identified. There are bonanzas, special offers, tie ups with direct manufacturers and various strategies of PSUs which have been instrumental in increasing their market share. PSUs have also played a major role in financing Large and Mid Corporate Players along with private Bankers and NBFCs. With the changing global scenario and rapid changes in Indian economic policies how the PSUs, private bankers, and NBFCs would strategize their investment decisions and align the same with large and Mid Corporate players' perspective? According to a recent statistic, 33% of companies operating in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector have access to banks and financial institutions, while the rest remain excluded and are compelled to raise money through informal channels. Till date, banks and NBFCs have not been able to finance this debt gap effectively. SME loans are a very crucial area where

NBFCs have thrived with low NPAs. The Private Banks, Financial Institutions (FIs) and Non Banking Financial Corporation (NBFCs), Angels and Venture Capitalists should also come forward and take the responsibility to help the Start Up Ventures with easy and cheap credit within strict timelines and enabling schemes for their adequate growth.

Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank and Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network graced the occasion, as the Guests of Honour. Mr. Eric Anklesaria, Partner Management Consulting, KPMG shared his views as the Conference Chairman. The summit also witnessed the deliberations of eminent speakers like Mr. U S Roy, Former Deputy MD, SBI, Former MD, SBI Life and Director, IndiaFirst Life Insurance; Mr. Arun Kumar Verma, General Manager, Canara Bank; Mr. Ashim Bhuyan, Regional Manager, LIC Housing Finance Ltd.; Mr. N K Bhattacharya, General Manager, Syndicate Bank; Mr. J S Rama Rao, Assistant General Manager, Andhra Bank; Mr. Mainak Banerjee, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda and Ms. Banashri Guha Neogi, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.



Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank addressing the audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network.

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Loan for All' Conclave 2016 - Strategies for
Accessing Adequate Funding: Focusing East

3rd February 2016
The Park



Inaugural Session of Loan for All Conclave- Mr. Eric Anklesaria, Partner Management Consulting, KPMG as the Conference Chairman; Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank and Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network, as the Guest of Honour and BCC&I President Designate, Mr. Sutanu Ghosh.



Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Mr. Arun Kumar Verma, General Manager, Canara Bank.



Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Mr. U S Roy, Former Deputy MD, SBI and Former MD, SBI Life and Director, IndiaFirst Life is addressing the audience.



Mr. Ashim Bhuyan, Regional Manager, LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

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The Park

Loan for All' Conclave 2016 - Strategies for Accessing
Adequate Funding: Focusing East



Session I – Experts' Roundtable on "Financing the Mid Scale Corporate and Enterprises".



Mr. N K Bhattacharya, General Manager, Syndicate Bank.



Ms. Banashri Guha Neogi, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.



Mr. Mainak Banerjee, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.



Mr. J S Rama Rao, Assistant General Manager, Andhra Bank.



Session II – Experts' Roundtable on "Loan For MSME Finance , Start Up Ventures and Retail Customers: Various Products and Alternative Sources"

**Wealth Management Summit 2016 –
"Loan for All" Conclave**

**21st March 2016,
The Park, Kolkata**

The Bengal Chamber organised the "Loan for All" Conclave on 21st of March 2016. The Indian mutual fund industry is one of the fastest growing segments of the financial sector. Buoyed by robust capital inflows and strong participation of retail investors, the asset base of the mutual fund industry reached all-time highs during 2014-15. The cumulative net assets of all mutual funds as on March 31, 2015 was Rs. 10,82,757 crore as against Rs. 8,25,240 crore on March 31, 2014, representing an increase of 31.2 percent. There had been a steady growth in the recent years too. Over the past years, mutual fund investments in equity had been outweighed by investments in debt. However, the gross market borrowing in the

recent Union Budget was put at Rs 6 lakh crore. The move will lead to more supply of government bonds to the market leading a spike in government bonds yields and lowering of bond prices. There are other important asset classes too which needs penetration and more importantly participation from the investors like the commodity market. The objective of the seminar was to create a platform to understand the mechanism of "Wealth creation through Financial Assets" – Mutual Funds as conduit and Alternate Asset class as an Investment strategy.

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Wealth Management Summit 2016 –
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Mr. Prithipal Singh, Head- Pan India Sales, BNP Paribas Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd. graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. There was an exclusive session on Commodity market Chaired by Mr. Vibhor Tandon, MCX Ind. Ltd. (AVP (East)). The Session on Commodity Market also witnessed the presence of other eminent speakers such as Mr. Arunava Chattopadhyay, MCX Ind. Ltd. Executive- BD/ PKMT; and Mr. Kunal Shah, Research Head, Nirmal Bang Commodities Pvt. Ltd. There was an Exclusive Session with the Guest of Honour, Deputy CEO of Reliance Mutual Fund, Mr. Himanshu Vyapak. Mr. Vyapak touched upon the perspectives and various opportunities in the Mutual Fund industry. Mr. Sanjay Dongre, Senior Fund Manager, UTI Mutual Fund addressed the audience focusing the various details of the Equity Market. The Summit also witnessed the participation of a large audience from corporates and banks.



Mr. Prithipal Singh, Head Pan India Sales, BNP Paribas Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Vibhor Tandon, MCX Ind. Ltd. AVP (East) chairing the Session on Commodity Market.



Mr. Arunava Chattopadhyay, MCX Ind. Ltd. Executive- BD/ PKMT addressing at the Session on Commodity Market.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I; Mr. Prithipal Singh, Head Pan India Sales, BNP Paribas Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate during the Q/A Session of the Inaugural Session.



Q/A round.



Mr. Kunal Shah, Research Head, Nirmal Bang Commodities Pvt. Ltd. addressing at the Session on Commodity Market.



Guest of Honour of the Summit, Mr. Himanshu Vyapak, Deputy CEO, Reliance Mutual Fund addressing the audience.

Mr. Sanjay Dongre, Senior Fund Manager, UTI Mutual Fund addressing on Equity Market.

PROGRAMME

Indian Insurance Industry : Road Ahead - New Challenges & Prospects

26th May 2016
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber organised the annual seminar on Indian Insurance Industry on 26th May 2016 at Kolkata.

Though the number of insurance companies operating in India has increased significantly, hundreds of millions of people have limited awareness and/ access to insurance and financial services. India as a country still remains grossly 'under-insured' in terms of insurance penetration and density. In India, Life Insurance is primarily sold as a tax-saving instrument rather than as a risk coverage product. There is a considerable amount of misinformation about insurance in the mind of the average Indian investor and hence there is a crying need to change people's perception and outlook on insurance. Despite higher growth witnessed by health insurance & PA, the Motor Insurance segment continues to maintain its leading position amongst the different segments with a 46% share in the overall industry's Gross Direct Premium in FY 2015. Most general insurance companies reported significant gains on their investment books owing mainly to the rally in the existing equity positions as well as on fresh positions. During FY 2015, PSU players witnessed an 18% YoY growth in their investment book while 'Select Private Players' witnessed a 20% YoY growth. The objective of the seminar was to analyse the challenges and prospects of Indian Life and Non-Life Insurance Industry.

Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd. graced the occasion, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The Summit has also witnessed the deliberation of eminent speakers like Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India; Mr. U S Roy, Director IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd; Former Deputy MD, SBI; Former MD, SBI Life; Mr. Khalid Ahmad, Head- Product Management, PNB MetLife Insurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. Parthanil Ghosh, Chief Marketing Officer, L&T Insurance Co. Ltd.; and Mr. K V R Krishna, Regional Manager, United Insurance Co. Ltd.

The Summit also witnessed the participation of a large audience and eminent finance professionals and was widely covered in different media.



Special Guest- Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India addressing the audience



Guest of Honour- Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd. addressing the audience



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest- Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd.



Indian Insurance Industry: Road Ahead Seminar Inaugural Session. Chief Guest- Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd.; Guest of Honour- Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and Special Guest- Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India. Session is chaired by Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Question and Answer Session of the Inaugural Session

PROGRAMME

26th May 2016
The Park, Kolkata

Indian Insurance Industry : Road Ahead - New Challenges & Prospects



More than 150 eminent participants attended the Insurance Summit



The General Insurance Session speakers- Mr. US Roy, Director IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd; Former Deputy MD, SBI; Former MD, SBI Life; Mr. Khalid Ahmad, Head- Product Management, PNB MetLife Insurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. Parthanil Ghosh, Chief Marketing Officer, L&T Insurance Co. Ltd.; and Mr. KVR Krishna, Regional Manager, United Insurance Co. Ltd.



General Insurance Session moderated by Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India

Partnership with the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED)

15th January 2016
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and the National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases (NICED) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 15th January 2015 to undertake cutting-edge research on enteric diseases, including Hepatitis-C. The main objective of the partnership is to intensify the efforts to serve the cause of medical research with focus on public health interventions in West Bengal.



Special Address by Dr. Shanta Dutta, Scientist G and Director-in-Charge, National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases



Welcome address by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Keynote Address by Dr. Samiran Panda, Senior Deputy Director & Scientist-F at NICED, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

15th January 2016
Chamber Premises

Partnership with the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED)



Signing of MoA. L-R: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber, Dr. Samiran Panda, Senior Deputy Director & Scientist-F at NICED, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber, Dr. Shanta Dutta, Director-In-Charge & Scientist G, National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Dr Arunaloke Bhattacharya, Member – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Press Meet in progress



Press Meet in progress

PROGRAMME

Wellness Expo

20th & 21st February 2016
City Centre I, Kund Area, Salt Lake

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized our Wellness Expo on 20th & 21st February 2016 at the City Centre I, Kund Area, Salt Lake. The Expo was inaugurated by Dr. Alok Roy, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals along with Dr. Rupali Basu, President and CEO (Eastern Region), Apollo Hospitals Group, India. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, a Yoga session was conducted by Mystic Yoga Studio.

14 reputed city Hospitals, Diagnostic Centres, Insurance Company and Stem Cell Banking Companies participated in the Wellness Expo to showcase their products and services. Participating hospitals

had also organized free blood pressure check-up, blood sugar testing, and eye testing along with free consultation in their stalls. Participating companies of Wellness Expo were Apollo Hospitals, AMRI Hospitals, B M Birla Heart Research Centre, Belle Vue Clinic, Birla Sun Life Insurance, Currae Eye Care Hospital, Columbia Asia Hospital, Cord Life Sciences India Pvt Ltd, Emami Frank Ross, GD Hospital & Diabetes Institute, ILS Hospitals, KPC Medical College & Hospital, Lifecell International Pvt Ltd, Mercy Hospital, Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, R N Tagore Hospital, Suraksha Diagnostic, Techno Global Hospital and Woodlands Multispecialty Hospital. A food stall was given by Flurys. The Expo attracted great footfall even while summer was setting in.



Inauguration of Wellness Expo by Dr. Alok Roy, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals along with Dr. Rupali Basu, President and CEO (Eastern Region), Apollo Hospitals Group, India.



Yoga Session by Mystic Yoga Studio at the Inaugural Ceremony.

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Wellness Expo

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Apollo Hospital Stall at Wellness Expo.



Belle Vue Clinic Stall.



Mercy Hospital Stall.



Blood Pressure check-up in GD Hospital Stall.



Blood Pressure check-up in B M Birla Heart & Research Institute Stall.



Cord Life Science India Pvt Ltd Stall.



PROGRAMME

7th April 2016
Hotel Kenilworth, Kolkata

Panel Discussion on 'Diabetes in ICU & Glycemic Control in Non-Diabetic Critically Ill Patients'

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM) and SATS Academy of Critical Care organized a Panel Discussion on 'Diabetes in ICU & Glycemic Control in Non-Diabetic Critically Ill Patients' on 7th April 2016 at Hotel Kenilworth on the occasion of the World Health Day.

The theme of World Health Day this year is 'Beat Diabetes: Scale up prevention, strengthen care and enhance surveillance.' The Keynote Address was by Dr. George Fernandes, Vice President Operations, B M Birla Heart Research Centre. Panelists were Dr. Binayak Sinha, Consultant Diabetologist, AMRI Hospitals, Kolkata; Dr. Samit Ghoshal, Consultant Diabetologist, Nightangle Hospital, Kolkata; Dr. Nirmalya Roy, Consultant Internal Medicine, B M Birla Heart Research Centre; Dr. Suresh Ramasubban, Head of the Department, Critical Care, Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals, Kolkata and Dr. Biplab Ghosh, Consultant Nephrologist, RTIICS, Kolkata.



Keynote address by Dr. George Fernandes, Vice President Operations, B M Birla Heart Research Centre.



Panel Discussion in progress.

PROGRAMME

Royal Bengal Corporate Blood Donation Camp

16th July, 2016
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Royal Bengal Corporate Blood Donation Camp on 16th July 2016 in the Chamber premises under the guidance of Dr. Amit Ghose, Chief Mentor – Health, and in association with Project Life Force. A Blood Bank team comprising Doctors and Technicians also visited the camp and played a significant role in organizing the programme. There were more than 125 registrations for blood donation. Blood Pressure check-up, Hemoglobin content of the blood etc were first checked by the Doctors to know whether a participant was fit to donate blood. Around 75 units of blood were collected. The Camp commenced at 10:00 am and went up to 3:00 pm. Refreshments were provided to the all the participants, volunteers and special invitees who were a part of the camp.



Doctor's Desk



Registration Counter



Blood Donation by BCC&I team member (Mr. Joy Chatterjee)

16th July, 2016
Chamber Premises

Royal Bengal Corporate Blood Donation Camp



Blood Donation in progress



First time Donor



A Proud Donor



Students donating Blood



Team Vedic Village who had come all the way to donate Blood



Dr. Amit Ghose, Chief Mentor – Health, BCC&I presenting a memento to Pirjada Md Mehrab Siddique, Special Guest of the day



Dr. Amit Ghose, Chief Mentor – Health, BCC&I presenting a memento to Mr. Dhanish Sheth, Vice President, Project Life Force for their support

PROGRAMME

3rd Best Young HR Professional Award 2015

11th September 2015,
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized The 3rd Best Young HR Professional Award 2015 on 11th September 2015 at The Park, Kolkata. The programme included presentations on HR best practices by previous two years' award winners.

The best practices presentations by the previous years' award winners was conceived to allow the young HR Professionals as well as the students studying management on HR learn and understand the practices followed by various organizations on HR policies and practices. They were also able to witness the presentations made by the six finalists in presence of judges for the current year where the Chamber honoured the pioneering spirit of the young HR Managers contributing to the organizational objectives and goals and acknowledging their laudable work in formulating or implementing HR policies and unique HR practices.

The Panel of Judges at this programme comprised Mr. Anupam Anand (Director-Personnel, Hindustan Copper Limited), Prof. P.K Sett (Former Professor of HRM Group of IIMC), Prof. Dipankar Banerjee (Eastern Institute of Management) and Mr. Debhatta Maitra (General Manager- HR, CESC Limited).

The Excellence Award for young HR Professionals also focused on recognizing the young HR professional who had successfully implemented an innovative and progressive HR programme or a project in response to a new or ongoing HR challenge or opportunity within his/her organization. Ms. Sadaf Rahman of Tata Steel

Processing and Distribution Limited was the Winner (General Category), Mr. Sudipta Sen of Spencer's Retail Limited was the Runner up (General Category) and Ms. Sneha Jain Paul of Vedant Fashions Private Limited was the winner (Academia and SSI Category) for this year.

The awards were presented to such young HR Professionals who substantially contributed towards enhancing their organization's brand-reputation, achieving business objectives, and demonstrating organizational leadership and who also served as professional role models.



Inaugural Address by Mr. P.K Sahoo, Co- Chairperson – HR/IR Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and General Manager (HR&IR) – Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited.



A section of the audience.



Presentation of HR Best Practices by Mr. Abhishek Jaiswal of Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (Winner of Best Young HR Professional Award of 2014)



Presentation of HR Best Practices by Mr. Devi Prasad Panthala of Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (1st Runner up of Best Young HR Professional Award of 2013)



Ms. Sadaf Rahman of Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited receiving the Winner trophy (General Category) for this year from Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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The Park, Kolkata

3rd Best Young HR Professional Award 2015



Mr. Sudipta Sen of Spencer's Retail Limited receiving the Runners up trophy (General Category) for this year from Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President - The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Ms. Sneha Jain Paul of Vedant Fashions Private Limited receiving the Winner trophy (Academia and SSI Category) for this year from Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr. Anupam Anand (Director - Personnel, Hindustan Copper Limited).

MDP on "Building a Strategy Focused Organization"

13th-14th November 2015
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Ex-IIM Consultants very recently organized a management development programme on "Building a Strategy Focused Organization" on 13th and 14th November 2015 at Park Hotel, Kolkata.

The programme was meant for CEOs, Board Members and senior managers of companies who were involved with strategic decision making. The objective was to expose them to the concepts, tools, and live examples from leading organizations.

Guest faculty members of this workshop were Prof. Ranjan Das (Guest faculty of Strategic Management Group of IIM, Calcutta), Prof. Sougata Ray (Professor of Strategic Management at IIM, Calcutta) and Prof. P.K Sett (Former Professor of Human Resource Management Group of IIM, Calcutta). Some of the participants were Mr. Amitabh Roy (CEO - Team Taurus Realty & Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd), Mr. Sourabh Bhaumik (MD & CEO - Ultimate Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. P.K Biswas (Manager IR Distribution - CESC Limited), Mr. Conrad Dennis (Head Process Development & Strategy - Amalgamated Plantations Pvt. Ltd.) and many more.

Prof. Ranjan Das explained how an organization without a strategy is like a rudderless ship drifting in open sea. However he also explained how any strategy is as good as its execution. Effective implementation of a strategy needs alignment of all types of

organizational resources - financial, physical and human - to the strategic purpose and goals.

Other professors explained how strategy focus did not happen automatically as immediate and pressing operational needs tended to get precedence and hence distracted the organization from its strategic imperatives. Hence they suggested that the decision maker of an organization must have knowledge, skills and tools to navigate the organization through the turbulence of its operational environment into its cherished destination.



Prof. Sougata Ray (Professor of Strategic Management at IIM, Calcutta) taking the session.

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MDP on “Building a Strategy Focused Organization”

13th-14th November 2015
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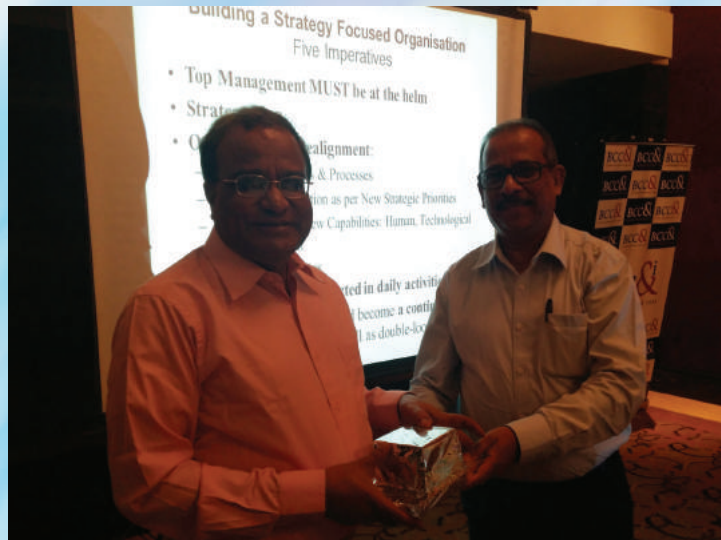
Prof. Ranjan Das (Guest faculty of Strategic Management Group of IIM, Calcutta) taking the session.



Prof. P.K Sett (Former professor of Human Resource Management Group of IIM, Calcutta) taking the session.



Mr. H.S Das (Head - HR & Admin, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry) presenting memento to Prof. Ranjan Das (Guest faculty of Strategic Management Group of IIM, Calcutta).



Mr. Somesh Dasgupta (Chairperson - People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry) presenting memento to Prof. P.K Sett.



Participants during a presentation.



PROGRAMME

Workshop on “Work Life Balance – Distress to De-Stress”

19th December 2015
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Vedanta Institute Kolkata organized a workshop on “Work Life Balance – Distress to De-Stress” on 19th December 2015 at ITC Room, The Chamber Premises.

The programme was meant for CEOs, senior managers, HR heads who are involved with strategic decision making. The objective was to understand human composition, development of clarity in thinking, achieve work life balance and gain clarity on mission of life. The Guest Faculty of this workshop was Shri L Ramaswamy (Chief Events Coordinator of Vedanta Institute Kolkata & member of MENSA, an international society of high IQ people). Some of the participants were Mr. Ravindra Chamaria (Group Chairman – Infinity Infotech Parks Ltd), Mr. Sudhanshu Roy (Vice President – HR, Medica Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.) Ms. Reena Sarkar (HR Executive, ITC Limited) Mr. S Ravichandran (National Business Development Manager, Berger Paints India Ltd.) Mr. R.N Tripathy (Manager Environment – Coal India Ltd.) Dr. Kusagradhi Ghosh (Gynecologist), Mr. Prakash Kumar (Senior Specialist- Global Windows Infrastructure, Linde Global Support Services Pvt. Ltd.) among others.

This hands-on session addressed the following points:-

- The three components of management.
- Locate root cause of stress

- Nature of human mind
- Self management = Intellect > Mind
- Impulsive vs. Discriminative Actions
- Modification of Desire
- Discipline your desires to reduce stress
- Eradicate your desires to eliminate stress
- Relief from stress

Shri L Ramaswamy also explained how management consultants conducted courses with no clue to the origin of stress, offered cosmetic solutions which provide some temporary relief. The psychiatrists fixed labels of disease to stress; they treated the effect rather than the cause. It's the Self Management which locates the root cause of stress within human beings and equipped them with a strong intellect to handle it. Only then they could achieve work life balance.

The participants expressed their strong wish to participate in this type of workshops whenever conducted by the Chamber.



Mr. Tapan Chakrabarti (Head-Special Initiatives, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry) welcoming Shri L Ramaswamy (Chief Events Coordinator of Vedanta Institute Kolkata & member of MENSA, an international society of high IQ people).



Shri L Ramaswamy (Chief Events Coordinator of Vedanta Institute Kolkata & member of MENSA, an international society of high IQ people) taking the session.



Participants attending the workshop.

PROGRAMME

20th February 2016
The Park, Kolkata

The People Management Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized 'Next Gen Employability Conclave – 2nd Edition' at The Park, Kolkata on February 20, 2016. The objective of the Conclave was to address the employability scenario of Eastern India and to understand and brainstorm today's requirements of the industries through an interface between representatives of Industry and Educational Institutes imparting Engineering and Management studies. The Conclave was attended by Directors, Faculty, Students and Administrative Officers of Engineering and Management Institutes and HR Leaders involved in the recruitment process.

Guest Speakers at this event were Mr Hemant Kanoria, Chairman and Managing Director, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd; Mr Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director, Century Plyboards (I) Limited; Mr. Anil Kariwala, Managing Director, Kariwala Industries Ltd; Mr. Devesh Bansal, Managing Director, Skipper Limited; Dr. Mousumi Ghosh, Founder Director, Team Future; Prof. Santanu Ray, Director-Management Studies and Research, Future Business School; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Senior Professor and Former Principal and Dean, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies; Dr. Naveen Das, Director, NSHM Business School; Mr Somesh Dasgupta Chairperson – The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President (Corporate Affairs & Admin), India Power Corporation Limited; Mr Rahul Bose, L & K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited; Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co – Chairperson - The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sr. General Manager (HRM & Safety), Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited; Mr. Subhasis Das, Vice President - Corporate HR & Personnel, Berger Paints India Limited; Mr. Rajesh Jain Head (Corporate HR), Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited; Maj Gen (Dr) SC Jain, VSM (Retd), Director, Army Institute of Management; Smt. Nabanita Khan, Director – Global Business Services IBM India Ltd; Mr Imdad Ali, Chief HRM, Profit Centers, Tata Steel Ltd; Arindam Banik, Director, International Management Institute; Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Limited; Mr. Somnath Chatterjee, Vice President and Centre Head Kolkata, Capgemini India Pvt.Ltd.; Mr. Sujitesh Das, Vice President- Strategic Human Resources, Microland Limited; Mr. Ravindar Dharkar, VP – Talent Acquisition and L&D, Lafarge India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh,



Address by Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner and Head Management Consulting and Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.

Next Gen Employability Conclave – 2nd Edition

Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. R N Lahiri, Director, Batanagar Institute of Engineering, Management and Science (Batanagar Education and Research Trust); Mr Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited; Mr. Vikash Kumar Singh, Founder Director, Genius Kids, Director, Annex College – Group of Institutions.

Promoters from various companies shared their stories of journey to success which inspired senior industry professionals to strive for professional excellence and also motivated young graduates to be more focused in their professional career. Eminent HR heads were of opinion that education was the single most important instrument for social and economic transformation. A well educated population, adequately equipped with knowledge and skill was not only essential to support economic growth, but it was also a precondition for growth to be inclusive since it's the educated and skilled person who could stand to benefit most from the employment opportunities which growth will provide.

A magazine named "HR Graffiti" was also published on the programme day which contains many articles on employability scenarios written by eminent HR heads from the industry.



Welcome Address by Mr Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson – The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President (Corporate Affairs & Admin), India Power Corporation Limited.



Theme Address by Conference Chairperson – Mr Rahul Bose, L & K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited.

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Vote of Thanks by Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co – Chairperson - The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sr. General Manager (HRM & Safety), Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited.



Leader's Conclave moderated by Dr. Mousumi Ghosh, Founder Director, Team Future.



Address by Mr Hemant Kanoria, Chairman and Managing Director, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd.



Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co – Chairperson - The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting mementos to Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Chairman and Managing Director, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd.



Mr. P.K. Sahu presenting mementos to Dr. Mousumi Ghosh, Founder Director, Team Future.



Leader's Conclave moderated by Prof. Santanu Ray, Director-Management Studies and Research, FutureE Business School.



Address by Mr Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director, Century Plyboards (I) Limited.



Mr Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson – The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting mementos to Mr Sanjay Agarwal, Managing Director, Century Plyboards (I) Limited.

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Mr Somesh Dasgupta presenting mementos to Prof. Santanu Ray, Director-Management Studies and Research, Future Business School.



Leader's Conclave moderated by Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Senior Professor Former Principal and Dean, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies.



Address by Mr. Anil Kariwala, Managing Director, Kariwala Industries Ltd.



Mr Rahul Bose, I & K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited presenting mementos to Dr. Suman K Mukerjee.



Mr Rahul Bose presenting mementos to Mr. Anil Kariwala.



Leader's Conclave moderated by Dr. Naveen Das, Director, NSHM Business School.



Address by Mr. Devesh Bansal, Managing Director, Skipper Limited.



Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group presenting mementos to Mr. Devesh Bansal.

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Mr. Simarpreet Singh presenting mementos to Dr. Naveen Das, Director, NSHM Business School.



Vision Sharing of People Management Committee by Mr Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson – The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with other committee members.

'HR Graffiti', a magazine released by People Management Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. L-R Mr. Rajesh Jain Head (Corporate HR), Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited; Mr. Subhasis Das, Vice President - Corporate HR & Personnel, Berger Paints India Limited; Prof. Santanu Ray, Director-Management Studies and Research, FutureE Business School; Mr. Devesh Bansal, Managing Director, Skipper Limited, Prof. Ranjan Das, Ex – IIM Calcutta; Mr Somesh Dasgupta Chairperson – The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and President (Corporate Affairs & Admin), India Power Corporation Limited; Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co – Chairperson - The People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sr. General Manager (HRM & Safety), Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited; Mr. Anil Kariwala, Managing Director, Kariwala Industries Ltd; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group; Mr Rahul Bose, L & K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited; Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Limited; Mr Partha Chowdhury, General Manager (HR) & Crew Management, Quippo Construction & Equipment Limited; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Senior Professor Former Principal and Dean, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies; Mr. R N Lahiri, Director, Batanagar Institute of Engineering, Management and Science (Batanagar Education and Research Trust) with the magazine. At the back of Mr. R. N Lahiri is Dr. Rajdip Bakshi, Dean Business Management, Budge Budge Institute of Technology.



A section of the audience.



Question from the audience.



Speakers' Lunch.



Smt. Nabanita Khan, Director – Global Business Services IBM India Ltd addressing the audience during Panel Discussion on Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.

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Mr Imdad Ali, Chief HRM, Profit Centers, Tata Steel Ltd addressing the audience during Panel Discussion on Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Dr. Arindam Banik, Director, International Management Institute addressing the audience during Panel Discussion on Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Limited addressing the audience during Panel Discussion on Time Utilization in College - To create Paper Tigers or Budding Professionals (Covering Summer/Industry Projects) along with other dignitaries. To the left of Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Mr. Somnath Chatterjee, Vice President and Centre Head Kolkata Capgemini India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Sujit Das, Vice President- Strategic Human Resources, Microland Limited; Mr. Ravindar Dharkar, VP – Talent Acquisition and L&D, Lafarge India Pvt. Ltd.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd. addressing the audience during Panel Discussion on The Booming Career Zone: Entrepreneurship along with other dignitaries. To the right of Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, Mr. R N Lahiri, Director, Batanagar Institute of Engineering, Management and Science (Batanagar Education and Research Trust); Mr Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited. To his left, Mr. Vikash Kumar Singh, Founder Director, Genius Kids, Director, Annex College – Group of Institutions.



Mr Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited making a presentation on "Stay Relevant Stay Alive"

PROGRAMME

Management Development Programme on “Winning in Fiercely Competitive Markets”

24th June 2016
Hotel Novotal, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Management Development Programme on “Winning in Fiercely Competitive Markets” on 24th June 2016 at Hotel Novotel, Rajarhat, Kolkata.

The programme was aimed at managers at middle and senior levels in the organization and from various functional areas who are involved in (or provide support to) development of business level strategies, formulating and implementing marketing and sales strategies, strategic analysis of markets and their re-segmentation. The objective was to expose them to the concepts, tools, and live examples from leading organizations.

The programme was designed by Prof Ranjan Das, Professor of Strategy, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership who was also the sole faculty of the programme. Prof. Ranjan Das is Chairman, The Strategy Academy. Some of the participants were Mr. Pronab Chatterjee (Regional Head – India East – Technology Business, Oracle), Mr. Debabrata Mitra (Seahorse Group), Mr. Partha Sarkar (Chief Operating Manager, Exide Industries Ltd.), Mr. Rakesh Anand (Head Sales, Tata Steel Ltd.) Mr. Mitrajit Bhattacharya (Sr. Manager Sales, Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Gautam Karmakar (CEO – Trishul Shalya Pvt. Ltd.) and many more.

Key topics of the programme which were explained by Prof. Ranjan Das were:

- The changing world of business during the last few years, challenges faced by companies and actions most companies take to survive and grow.
- Characteristics of fiercely competitive markets against the backdrop of volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous [VUCA] business context.
- Winning strategies in fiercely competitive markets -I:
- Retain market share in declining markets

- Grow in markets when markets do not grow: need for a new line of thinking
- Convince customers to buy products under difficult market conditions
- Fight the low cost rivals
- Winning strategies in fiercely competitive markets -II:
- Develop an AGILITY TO SPOT short lived opportunities and act before the window closes
- Develop ABILITY TO ABSORB and create a buffer to withstand any “punishment” that opposing forces may mete out
- Avoid ‘red ocean’ traps
- Innovate the business model

The programme on Winning in Fiercely Competitive Markets provided a perspective on strategic challenges faced while doing business in highly competitive markets, caused primarily due to excess capacity and frequent recessions. This facilitated discussion among participants on the options available at the firm level to achieve competitive success even when overall economy and sentiments in general are subdued.



Welcome address by Mr. Rahul Bose, L & K Leader, IBM India Limited



Session in progress. Prof. Ranjan Das, Professor of Strategy, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership and sole faculty of the programme



Delegates attending the programme

21st July 2016, Hotel Treebo Platinum
Salt Lake, Kolkata

"Vedantic Approach to Effective Leadership – a 21st Century Toolkit"

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an exclusive session titled "Vedantic Approach to Effective Leadership – a 21st Century Toolkit" on 21st July 2016 at Hotel Treebo Platinum, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Guest faculty of the session was Shri. L.Ramaswamy (Chief Events Coordinator of Vedanta Institute Kolkata & member of MENSA, an international society of high IQ people).

The session was meant for CEOs, Senior Managers, HR heads, of corporates who are involved with strategic decision making in an organization. The objective was to understand human composition, to control one's ego, to learn to deal with corruption, to maintain proper relation with wealth.

Some of the participants were Mr. Abhijit Hazra (Managing Director – Touchstone Tie-Up Pvt. Ltd. and Chairperson – The Friends of IT Committee – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Ms. Nabonita Bose Mukherjee (Founder and Principal – Bubble Blue) Ms. Nilanjana Chaudhuri (CEO – Peers Symantech) Mr. N Ramakrishnan (Founder - Edextra) among others.

This hands-on session addressed the following points:-

- 1 The three components of management. 1 Manifestation of ego.
- 1 Nature of human mind. 1 Self-management = Intellect > Mind.
- 1 Aggressive vs. Passive Actions. 1 Modification of Desire.

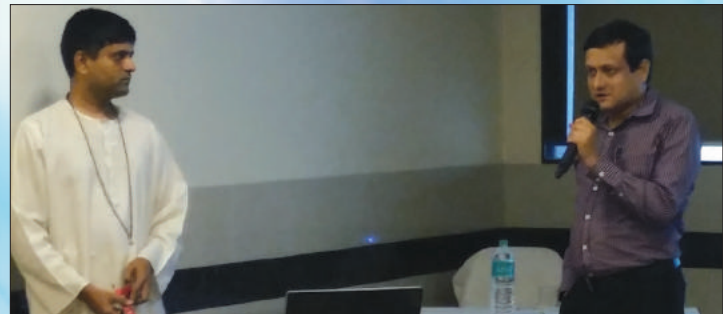
Shri L.Ramaswamy also explained how effective management required personnel with ethical and moral values ingrained in them. These values were founded on selflessness. An unselfish approach would require a high and noble ideal to follow. Such an ideal was based on service and sacrifice at the physical level, feeling of love and friendship at the emotional level and thought of a charitable disposition and accommodation at the intellectual level.



Mr. Tapan Chakrabarti (Head - Membership Services, BCC&I) welcoming Shri L.Ramaswamy (Chief Events Coordinator of Vedanta Institute Kolkata & member of MENSA, an international society of high IQ people)



Shri L.Ramaswamy taking the session



Mr. Abhijit Hazra (Managing Director – Touchstone Tie-Up Pvt. Ltd. and Chairperson – The Friends of IT Committee – The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry) delivering the vote of thanks.

19th February 2016
Gandhi Bhavan, Jadavpur University

The Bengal Chamber Technology Quiz

The annual Bengal Chamber Technology Quiz was held on 19th February 2016 in association with Jadavpur University in the University Premises. It was the seventh edition of our IT Quiz, and rechristened this year as the Tech Quiz. This year, the Quiz was opened only for college students. There were 300 participants from Kolkata and rest of West Bengal like Durgapur, Asansol, Kalyani and also Odisha.

In fact, two teams from Odisha were among the top three teams. The winners were students from IIIT Bhubaneswar and CET Bhubaneswar. The positions of first and second runners up were shared by NIT Rourkela & IIIT, Kolkata.

The prizes included Rs 40,000/- for winners and Rs 20,000/- and 10,000/- for the 1st Runner Up and the 2nd Runner Up Teams respectively which were jointly shared by them.

The Quiz Master Mr. Charanpreet Singh, as usual, made the Quiz an exciting affair. The programme was well received by the participants as per the feedback we received.

The dignitaries who graced the occasion were :

- 1 Shri Talleen Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology & Electronics, Government of West Bengal
- 1 Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata
- 1 Dr. Ashish Swarup Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University
- 1 Dr. Sudipta De, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University
- 1 Prof. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor of Economics and Former Head, Jadavpur University & Member, BCC&I Economic Affairs Committee.
- 1 Prof. Rajat Acharyya, Dean, Faculty Council of Arts, Jadavpur University
- 1 Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay, Dean, Faculty Council of Engg. & Tech, Jadavpur University
- 1 Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, President, TIE Kolkata and Past President, BCC&I
- 1 Mr. Ranjan Ganguly, CEO-Customer Service and CRM, Eureka Forbes Ltd



Registration in progress.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director, BCC&I explaining the rules of the quiz.

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The preliminary round in progress.



Participants during recess.



The Quiz Master Mr. Charanpreet Singh in his quintessential demeanor conducting the quiz.



The quizzers brainstorming during the final round of the quiz.



The final round in progress.



The Champions, students from IIT Bhubaneswar and CET Bhubaneswar collecting their prizes from Dr. Ashish Swarup Verma, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University

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Application of Technology – Business Connect

26th February 2016,
Chamber Premises

The Friends of IT Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the programme, 'Application of Technology – Business Connect' at Williamson Magor Hall, The Chamber Premises, Kolkata on February 26, 2016. IT companies from Kolkata took part in this seminar to present their profile and provide their best solutions to Senior Management/Decision Makers, Directors who participated as delegates from various industries like Healthcare, Real Estate, Education, Hospitality and Manufacturing.

IT companies who participated in this seminar were Erevmax Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Touchstone Tie up Pvt. Ltd., Axsys Technologies Ltd, Ultimate

Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Seven Boats Info-System Pvt. Ltd., Business Brio (GBSM Consulting Pvt. Ltd), Peers Symantech and Baboon Labs India (P) Ltd. Technical presentations on best practices around Analytics, Social Media, Network and Web security, Medical Informatics were also showcased in front of the delegates.

A useful platform in the form of B2B discussion was also created for delegate companies looking for best IT solutions in their respective sectors. The participating IT companies shared the solutions and also shared information and knowledge about the latest advancements in Technology.

26th February 2016,
Chamber Premises

Application of Technology – Business Connect



Welcome Address by Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Theme address by Mr Abhijit Hazra, Chairperson, Friends of IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director, Touchstone Tie up Pvt. Ltd.



Vote of Thanks by Mr Uday Singh Solanki, Co-Chairperson, Friends of IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Technology Officer, Erevmax Technologies Pvt. Ltd.



Profile Presentation by one of the participating companies, Axsys Technologies Ltd.



A section of the delegates.



B2B session in progress.

17th June 2016
Hyatt Regency, Kolkata

The Emerging Technologies Committee organized the seventh edition of The Bengal Chamber Business IT Conclave on Cyber Security

The programme was organized in association with Information Technology and Electronics Department, Government of West Bengal and West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited (WEBEL). Dr. Gulshan Rai, Chief of Cyber Security India graced the occasion along with Mr. Talleen Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics Department, Government of West Bengal.

The Chamber released a Thought Paper on the occasion of this Conclave which is available on the Chamber website, <http://www.bengalchamber.com/>. Mr. C S Ghosh, Managing Director and CEO, Bandhan Bank joined the Opening Session of the Conclave sharing his views on security in banking and finance. Mr. Atul Gupta, Partner, KPMG addressed the Conclave on the subject, "Information Security strategy, technology & insight".

Session I, following the Opening Session, addressed three aspects of Cyber Security:

- Emerging Trends of security threats by Mr Nikhil Donde, Managing Director – IT Consulting, Protiviti India
 - Analytics, Social Media, Internet of Things, Cyber Security – How they Intersect? by Mr C N Raghupathi, Vice President & Head – India Business Unit, Infosys
 - Capacity Building of Cyber Security - Mr. Sudipto Jena, Associate Director, TCG Digital
- Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, Information Technology Committee moderated the Session.

The Conclave included two Discussion Forums:

- Cyber Security: Across Sectors &

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• Stakeholders of Cyber Security

The first Discussion Forum addressed the security issues across various sectors of business – Finance and Banking, E-Commerce, Start Up, etc. The Forum was joined by:

- Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures – Start Up
- Mr. Saurabh Chandra, Head of IT, Myntra – Ecommerce
- Mr. Bhaswata Sinharoy, General Manager, Wipro Limited – Managed Security Services

Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and President, TIE Kolkata moderated the Session.

The second Discussion Forum brought together the stakeholders of cyber security. The Forum was joined by:

- Mr. Barnik Ghosh, Senior Associate, Lakshmikumar and Sridharan
 - Mr. Biswajit Maiti, Associate Partner & IT Leader, GBS Client Innovation Centre, IBM India
 - Col. A K Nath, Executive Director, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
 - Mr. Kuntal Siddharth, Cyber Crime PS, Kolkata Police
- Mr. R N Lahiri moderated this Forum as well.

The programme addressed:

- With thousands of viruses generated everyday and threats from across borders, what must governments and corporations do to protect their information assets?
- The IT infrastructure extends beyond the corporate firewall. What steps have the Indian enterprises taken to prevent leakage of confidential information?
- How does India Inc. ensure that confidential information is not stolen or compromised?
- At the level of the individual, what are the measures that one should be at least aware of in the realm of digital security?

The programme brought together the Government, the Judiciary, the Police and Law Enforcement Agencies, Information Technology users, Developers and Consultants – all on a common platform. Cyber security is a multidimensional problem that transcends the risk management and response capabilities of any single community — technology, defence, law enforcement, public policy and business.

The Conclave had a footfall of nearly 300 from the IT sector, Corporates (users of IT), senior Government officials, Consular Corps and the Media.



Welcome Address by BCC&I President Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta



Theme Address by Mr. Amab Basu, Chairperson, Emerging Technologies Committee, BCC&I



Keynote Address by Dr. Gulshan Rai, Chief of Cyber Security India



Special Address on 'Government Initiatives in Cyber Security' by Mr. Talleen Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal

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Mr. CS Ghosh, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank talking on security in finance and banking



Mr. Atul Gupta, Partner, KPMG during his deliberation



The Inaugural panel



Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, Emerging Technologies Committee moderating the Opening Session



Launch of the cybersecurity thought paper



Mr. Nikhil Donde, Managing Director – IT Consulting, Protiviti India talking on Emerging trends of security threat



Mr. CN Raghupathi, Vice President & Head – India Business Unit, Infosys talking on Analytics, Social Media, Internet of Things, Cyber Security – How they Intersect



Mr. Sudipto Jena, Associate Director, TCG Digital talking on Capacity Building of Cyber Security

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Mr. RN Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, Emerging Technologies Committee moderating Session I



The hall in full capacity



Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures discussing Cyber Security on Start Ups



Mr. Saurabh Chandra, Head of IT, Myntra on Ecommerce



Mr. Bhaswata Sinharoy, General Manager, Wipro Limited talking on Managed Security Services



Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and President, TIE, Kolkata moderating Session II



Q & A in progress



Cross section of the Audience

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Mr. Bamik Ghosh, Senior Associate, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan during the Discussion Forum of Stakeholders of Cyber Security



Mr. Biswajit Maiti, Associate Partner & IT Leader, GBS Client Innovation Centre, IBM India



Col. A K Nath, Executive Director, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)



Mr. Kuntal Siddharth, Cyber Crime PS, Kolkata Police providing some anecdotes from his department



Q & A in progress



Thank You Sponsors

29th September 2015,
The Park

Urban Infrastructure Conclave 2015

The Bengal Chamber organised a seminar on Urban Infrastructure on 29th September at The Park, Kolkata. The need for up-gradation and development of urban infrastructure and for sustainable cities cannot be overstated. The present levels of urban infrastructure are grossly inadequate to meet the demand of the existing urban population. There should be adequate flow of investment to support the growth of this sector. However over-dependency on the Government in terms of investment is not advisable and neither is a viable model, and yet there should be adequate return for the private sector investment. From where the investment would come and how the return can be ensured becomes the utmost important question. There is also the requirement of proper sewerage system and adequate power supply. There is a great need of a solid waste management policy. Extra high voltage ring around the city is required in addition to the existing power generation units and that has to be wide spread so that there remains less possibility of passing heavy voltage from a very short path. Sustainability is complex and requires a shift from reactive to proactive approaches. It demands adoption of an integrated approach to management of key services like water, waste and transportation. It urges participation at all levels of the community in decision-making. The key focus also has to be given towards modernization of airport infrastructure and the overall transportation system.



Inaugural Session of the Urban Infrastructure Conclave.



Technical Session of the Urban Infrastructure Conclave titled - "Experts' Roundtable - Sustainable and Smart Cities: Mapping the way forward", Session Chaired by Mr. Sudip Datta, COO, IL&FS Infrastructure Ltd.

The sessions focused on ways and means of meeting this huge demand of the urban population considering innovative solutions and high level strategic planning for Smart-Sustainable cities in India.

Prof. Saugata Roy, Member of Parliament graced the occasion, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Ashwani Kumar Agarwal, General Manager, India Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd. graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The other speakers included Mr. Dhruv Bhalla, Vice President, Head - International Business and Corporate Strategy & Planning, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited; Mr. Gautam Balakrishnan, Vice President (Smart Cities Business), Tata Projects.; Mr. Sudip Datta, COO, IL&FS Infrastructure Ltd.; Mr. Debasis Gupta, General Manager, Special Projects, CESC Ltd.; Ms. Vijayalakshmi Lakshmanan, Head - Project Finance, L&T Construction; and Mr. Dheeraj Dogra, Group Chief Marketing Officer, Shristi Infrastructure Development Corp Ltd.

The Summit also witnessed the participation of large audience across sectors and was widely covered in different media formats.



Prof. Saugata Roy, Member of Parliament graced the occasion, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Ashwani Kumar Agarwal, General Manager, India Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd. graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Inaugural Session also included eminent speakers like Mr. Dhruv Bhalla, Vice President, Head - International Business and Corporate Strategy & Planning, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited and Mr. Gautam Balakrishnan, Vice President (Smart Cities Business), Tata Projects.



Technical Session of the Urban Infrastructure Conclave witnessed participation of eminent Speakers - Mr. Sudip Datta, COO, IL&FS Infrastructure Ltd.; Mr. Debasis Gupta, General Manager, Special Projects, CESC Ltd.; Ms. Vijayalakshmi Lakshmanan, Head - Project Finance, L&T Construction; and Mr. Dheeraj Dogra, Group Chief Marketing Officer, Shristi Infrastructure Development Corp Ltd.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted The U.S. Department of Commerce's SelectUSA Road Show, the first-ever India event, in Kolkata on 16th October 2015. The other cities the Road Show included were Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.

The Bengal Chamber and U.S. Commercial Services in Kolkata convinced the delegation to include Kolkata in their itinerary. The U.S. delegation was led by SelectUSA Executive Director, Ambassador VinaiThummalapally who was effusive in his praise for the Chamber and mentioned that it was a 'perfect event'. Ambassador VinaiThummalapally is President Obama's friend and former room-mate and major campaign fund-raiser. This programme was closely monitored by Washington DC. This event re-positioned The Bengal Chamber and Kolkata in the business map of the USA. For the first time ever, at least in recent memory, such a delegation led by an Ambassador visited Kolkata and The Bengal Chamber had the honour of hosting it exclusively.

President Obama launched SelectUSA in 2011 to promote business investment into the United States. SelectUSA was created at the federal level to showcase the United States as the world's premier business location and to provide easy access to federal-level programs and services related to business investment. It provides information, data analysis, ombudsman services, and tools to connect investors with state and local economic

development organizations across the United States.

The Kolkata Road Show hosted in the Chamber premises featured a half-day seminar with sessions by American professionals on investment visas, legal and financial issues, investment incentives, and successful investment strategies, followed by one-on-one consultations with a range of participating U.S. States and localities. Participants gained insights about the unique incentives for each area, and gained key contacts to guide their investment decisions.

The Bengal Chamber and The U.S. Consulate General in Kolkata invited Indian companies looking to invest in the United States to register for SelectUSA's first-ever India Road Show.

From the Chamber, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate and Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President and President, TiE Kolkata were present. The programme was also partnered by TiE Kolkata, TiE being the global organization for entrepreneurs headquartered in Silicon Valley.

Mr. Craig Hall, US Consul General in Kolkata; Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Commercial Services in Kolkata and Mr. Paul Frost, Commercial Officer, US Commercial Services in New Delhi were also present.



Ambassador Vinai Thummalapally, Executive Director, SelectUSA presenting The Certificate of Appreciation to the Chamber, to Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber in presence of Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Commercial Services in Kolkata and Mr. Craig Hall, US Consul General in Kolkata.



(L-R): Mr. Craig Hall, US Consul General in Kolkata; Ambassador Vinai Thummalapally, Executive Director, SelectUSA; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr Greg Pardo, Acting Public Affairs Officer, US Consulate in Kolkata in the Press Conference.

(L-R): Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and President, TiE Kolkata; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Ambassador VinaiThummalapally, Executive Director, SelectUSA; Mr. Craig Hall, US Consul General in Kolkata; Mr. Jonathan Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Commercial Services in Kolkata and Mr. Paul Frost, Commercial Officer, US Commercial Services in New Delhi.



The Bengal Chamber Secretariat Team with the Delegation.



Press Conference in progress.



6. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber briefing Ambassador VinaiThummalapally, Executive Director, SelectUSA about the activities of the Chamber especially in the context of its partnerships with overseas Chambers.

PROGRAMME

Visit to Chittagong

30th January - 2nd February, 2016

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, along with Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director visited Chittagong from 30th January 2016 to 1st February 2016 to attend the Centenary Celebration of The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The programme on 30th January was graced by Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh. The first-ever World Trade Center (WTC) in Bangladesh was also inaugurated by her during this programme. The programme was held at the WTC, Chittagong.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate was invited to join the Panel Discussion on "Bay of Bengal Growth Triangle and the Southern Silk Route – Completing Vision 2021" on 31st January 2015 in Radisson Blu, Chittagong. He was the only representative from India in the Panel. The other Panelists were H.E. Benoît-Pierre Laramée, High Commissioner of Canada; Mr. Oleg Tonkonojekov, Deputy Country Director, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Bangladesh; Mr. Hitoshi Ara, Senior Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmed, President, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI); Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam (Mohiuddin), First Vice President, FBCCI and Mr. Abrar A. Anwar, CEO, Standard Chartered Bangladesh. Mr. Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Managing Director & CEO, A.K. Khan & Co. Ltd. and

President, Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) was the Keynote Speaker. Mr. A.H.M. Mostafa Kamal, Minister for Planning, Government of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest.

There was International Tourism Summit held in Arannok Cottage in Rangamati, Chittagong on 1st February 2016. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh shared his thoughts on Bangladesh - its economic development in the context of tourism development opportunities. He also expressed his gratitude to The Chittagong Chamber for inviting The Bengal Chamber to this programme. Mr. Shajahan Khan, Hon'ble Shipping Minister of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest. Mr. AJM Nasiruddin, Mayor, Chittagong City Corporation was also present.

The programmes were also graced by Mr. MA Latif, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry and also Mr. Mahbulul Alam, President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh mentioned that The Bengal Chamber would be delighted to work together with The Chittagong Chamber towards enhancing B2B linkages between Bangladesh and Eastern and North Eastern India.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference addressing the Panel Discussion on "Bay of Bengal Growth Triangle and the Southern Silk Route – Completing Vision 2021"



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference



Networking Dinner at Chittagong Club with the President and the Committee Members

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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh addressing at the International Tourism Summit.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury in a meeting with delegates from Japan.

PROGRAMME

Seminar and B2B on India-Gulf Business Exchange

26th April, 2016
Royal Exchange, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organized a Seminar and B2B on India-Gulf Business Exchange on 26th April 2016 in the Chamber. The Chamber is initiating more and more overseas linkages for its Members and Stakeholders by organizing business delegations, organizing Seminars with Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and Interactive Sessions with Diplomats.

Mr. Tariq Izzaldeen Hassan Al-Mouthen, Commercial Counselor, The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen to India delivered the Keynote Address on Promising investment opportunities in GCC and India. The Business Session included addresses on "Taxation: Cross-border taxation management" by Mr. Prasun Maiti, Director - Transfer Pricing, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP; Overseas Business of India with special focus on GCC by Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata; Policies on EXIM with special focus on GCC by Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. & Partner; Generation Next Business Consulting and Entrepreneurship Opportunities by Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures; Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Chairman, International Trade Cell of the Chamber, moderated the Session. The session concluded with a lively Q/A session with the delegates coming up with diverse questions on Business with GCC.



Business Session in progress (L-R): Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. & Partner, Generation Next Business Consulting; Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures; Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Chairman, International Trade Cell of the Chamber; Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata; Mr. Prasun Maiti, Director - Transfer Pricing, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Tariq Izzaldeen Hassan Al-Mouthen, Commercial Counselor, The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen delivering the Keynote Address

The delegation met Union of Myanmar Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on 16th May 2016 in Yangon. The delegation was received by Ambassador Tint Swai, Chief Executive Officer. U Mg Mg Myint, Head of Department (IRD), UMFCCI was also present. Ambassador Tint Swai mentioned that Education and Healthcare sectors have immense opportunities in Myanmar. The institutions will have to showcase them well to attract business. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate proposed whether UMFCCI and BCC&I may formally work together to create a permanent forum for mutual collaborations, information sharing and facilitation to each others' members. A formal proposal will be submitted by BCC&I

The delegation met His Excellency U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Tint Thwin, Director General, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Republic of The Union of Myanmar on 17th May 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw. The Hon'ble Minister expressed his pleasure receiving the delegation. It was the first delegation of this scale he received after taking over. He mentioned about Buddhist pilgrimage shared between India and Myanmar. Bodh Gaya attracts many from Myanmar on account of Buddhist tourism. He also said that there are not that many footfalls from India to Myanmar. With more Indian footfall in Myanmar, people in Myanmar will get the opportunity to interact more with Indians which will further encourage business relationships. Indian investors in tourism sector are also welcome in Myanmar. The other areas, he advised, in which Indian businesses are having opportunities in Myanmar are HR Training (as Myanmar needs capacity building in different sectors); IT including data collection and others; Skill Development especially English Language Training, and Mines and Minerals. The Bengal Chamber will submit a proposal of organizing a Golf Delegation to Myanmar which will be combined with a HR programme and Skill Development including English Language Training. President mentioned that this will lead to golf tourism from India to Myanmar which will give them exposure to Myanmar as a tourism destination. The Chamber will also submit a proposal to connect Kolkata and Yangon as Sister Cities to promote Buddhist Tourism. The proposal of Myanmar's participation in India International Mega Trade Fair in December 2016 in Kolkata was submitted to the Hon'ble Minister. This will give businesses in Myanmar exposure to the consumers' market in Kolkata and also B2B network of other countries participating in the Fair. The Hon'ble Minister was also invited to the Inauguration. Indo-Myanmar Cultural Programme, on occasion of the International Trade Fair, was also proposed to the Hon'ble Minister. The President informed that The Bengal Chamber would be delighted to offer the platform to promote Myanmar reaching out to Indian Stakeholders.

The delegation met Professor Thet Khaing Win, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Myanmar on 17th May 2016. Opportunities of promoting medical tourism from Myanmar to India were reiterated. The Permanent Secretary suggested that experts from Indian healthcare sector may also visit Myanmar and work in collaboration with their local counterparts. Medical Education Institutions of both the countries may collaborate. Indian Pharmaceutical organizations may set up factories in Myanmar. The Bengal Chamber proposed whether research may be conducted jointly by both the countries given most diseases are of similar nature due to similar climatic conditions. Funds from

International Funding Agencies may also be approached together. Expertise on telemedicine and other technology expertise for providing healthcare to the people in Myanmar may be provided as well. In this context, the Permanent Secretary mentioned that connectivity may be an issue. There is a need to create IT infrastructure, connectivity and security. The Permanent Secretary advised to get in touch with the office of Minister of Transport and Communication in this context.

The delegation split in two groups on 18th May 2016. One group went to Mandalay for B2B Meetings and the other returned to Yangon to meet His Excellency Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The second group also participated in the Dinner hosted by the Embassy of India in Yangon.

The Hon'ble Minister started his speech with the emotional connection people in Myanmar share with Indians. He also referred to the historical connection the two countries share. He mentioned that Myanmar, with the new Government, is opening its market. The country is very keen to retain its good relationship with India and increase trade and commerce. More investments from India are expected. Infrastructure and capacity building are areas Myanmar is focusing on and the Indian companies may value add. The Hon'ble Minister mentioned that his Ministry is responsible for promoting Myanmar's trade with other countries and the Ministry is focusing on increasing exports. In this context, the Hon'ble Minister was apprised about the India International Mega Trade Fair organized by The Bengal Chamber with GS Marketing Associates who were also part of the delegation. The Chamber also apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the International Conference on Pulses in Kolkata, India in commemoration of this year being the International Year of Pulses as declared by the United Nations. The programme is being scheduled towards the end of 2016. The date will be finalized shortly in consultation with the Government of India and Government of West Bengal. The Chamber believes that it would be only be befitting to have Myanmar as our Partner Country for this programme. The Hon'ble Minister assured that he would look into the matter and his Ministry would evaluate the same discussing with the private sector.

The Delegation participated in a Dinner hosted by the Embassy of India in Yangon on the occasion of Myanmar-India Business Conclave: Forging Partnerships. The Dinner was graced by Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Commerce Minister of India; Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Indian Embassy in Yangon; Dr. Nandakumar Nagendran, Consul General, Consulate General of India in Mandalay; Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya, CMD, State Bank of India and other dignitaries. It provided a significant networking session for the delegates with the business community in Myanmar and also with the Indian Diaspora in Myanmar.

Part of the delegation accompanied by one of the Chamber secretariat members visited Mandalay. In Mandalay, the delegation split according to their sectors of interest and one team met members of Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, while the others headed to the Consulate Office in Mandalay for their relevant B2B with representatives from the health sector. The entire delegation which visited Mandalay assembled in CGI's office after their respective meetings. The delegates were received by Mr. Vipin Sharma, Consul, Indian

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Consulate General of India in Mandalay. The delegation visited Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI) for the prescheduled B2B meetings. Dr. Maung Maung, Secretary General of MRCCI greeted the delegation.

The Delegation met His Excellency U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister, Ministry of Industry, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 19th May 2016 in Yangon and participated in the Myanmar-India Business Conclave. The Hon'ble Minister listened to the areas of interest of the delegation. He took interest in the India International Mega Trade Fair. He advised to focus on Small and Medium businesses in Myanmar like fisheries, agro based, food processing, light engineering and others. The Bengal Chamber apprised him about the project on MSME zoning that the Chamber is undertaking in West Bengal. The same may be done for the Myanmar Government as well as the MSMEs in



Meeting with Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) CEO, Yangon, Myanmar

Myanmar which are also classified in terms of geographical area like that in West Bengal.

During the Myanmar-India Business Conclave, Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya expressed his appreciation for the delegation that the Chamber organized and requested the Chamber to work towards catalyzing connectivity between Kolkata and Sittwe Port, Myanmar. The deepwater port at Sittwe in Rakhine State in Myanmar is located on the Bay of Bengal at the mouth of the Kaladan River. Sittwe Port will be linked with Kolkata Port covering a distance of 539 km. The port has been financed and constructed by India at a cost of US\$120 million and is part of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, which is a joint collaboration between India and Myanmar.



Meeting with Professor Thet Khaing Win, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



Meeting with His Excellency, U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



The delegation with His Excellency, U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



Meeting with His Excellency Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar



The delegates with His Excellency Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar

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Delegates at Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI), Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mandalay, Myanmar



At Indian Consulate General office in Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI), Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting at Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with His Excellency U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister, Ministry of Industry, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar



At Indo-Myanmar Business Conclave, Yangon, Myanmar

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B2B Meetings in progress, UMFCCL office, Yangon, Myanmar



B2B Meetings in progress, UMFCCL office, Yangon, Myanmar

Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope

1st June 2016
Gorky Sadan, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Consulate General of the Russian Federation jointly organized a "Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope" on 1st June 2016 from 2.30 p.m. onwards (IST) in Gorky Sadan - Russian Cultural Centre for Kolkata, 3 Gorky Terrace, Kolkata 17. The programme was streamed live between Kolkata and Russia.

The Chamber felt that it is a most opportune time to explore opportunities of Indo-Russian Business in the East and this video conference was the first dialogue between Russian and businesses from West Bengal in many years.

From the Indian side, representing West Bengal, the conference was attended by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd; Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd; Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, Bengal Chamber; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairman Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & MD, Enfragy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber, along with a few more industry representatives. There were a total of 25 participants and around 25 representatives from the media, from the Indian side. The Russian side was represented by Mr. Konstantin Petrokov, President Advisor of OPORA, Ms. Veronica Peshkova, Executive Member of OPORA Russia, Ms. Elena Antonova, Ministry of Economy, Russian Federation, Asia Advisor, Mr. Vasily Petrenchenko, Deputy Head of Moscow State University's

Technopark and few more industry leaders. The entire session was moderated by Mr. Mikhail Gosev, the Acting Consul General of The Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata.

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta spoke about the strategic importance of trade between the two countries and how the Government of India has emphasized to enhance the bilateral trade between Russia and India. Bengal being strategically located as a gateway to South East Asia and being rich in minerals, water and power has the true potential of bringing business and developing bilateral trade between the two countries. Mr Dasgupta also highlighted the fact that State Government has key focus in MSMEs and the State possesses huge intellectual capital for IT and ITes. Therefore, there is a huge scope of Analytics, Skills, Education and Healthcare are other sectors wherein business opportunities are also quite bright. Mr. Hemant Kanoria, the Keynote Speaker, spoke about how two countries have been good partners for decades. He also reiterated the opportunities for MSMEs in engineering goods. He spoke about agriculture and agro based industries, consumer goods, tea, jute and other relevant sectors.

The Russian representatives discussed about various products from the Russian side focusing on analytics, biotechnology applications, wound dressing, molecular biotechnology products which are less expensive and have huge customer and distributor support system. The conference acted as a precursor to the Chamber's upcoming business delegation to Russia later this year.



Video Conference in progress



Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd during her address

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Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD,
Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd during his address



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I during his theme address



Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd and Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, Bengal Chamber, during the conference



During the Video Conference



L-R Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I; Mr Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD SREI Group; Mr Mikhail Gosev, Acting Consul General, Russian Federation to Kolkata



Members interacting with the Russian counterparts



During the session



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General
Designate, The Bengal Chamber

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Mr. Mikhail Gosev the Acting Consul General of The Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata, moderating the conference.



The Russian Side.

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Business Delegation to Italy

14th July - 19th July, 2016

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a business delegation to Italy on invitation from Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Embassy of India in Rome; from 14th July to 19th July 2016

The delegation visited Milan and Rome in Italy and also San Marino, which is an independent sovereign republic sharing all its boundaries with Italy. As informed by the Embassy of India in Rome, it was a first-of-its-kind delegation from a region in India to Italy.

Name	Designation	Organization
Dr. Parimal Chandra Biswas	Director, International Affairs	Adamas University
Mr. Partha Mukherjee	Director	Adamas University
Mr. Onkar Banerjee	Managing Director	Birdman Chemeng Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Rajat Subhra Chatterjee	Chief Executive	Birdman Chemeng Pvt. Ltd.
Mr. Ratiraj Tibrewal	President	Choice Peers International Pvt Ltd., Mumbai
Mr. Sayantan Sarkar	Director	Cyan Creations
Ms. Sila Singh Ghosh	Vice President- Corporate Relations	JIS Group
Mr. Abhisek Jain	Managing Director	Perfect Washers Fasteners Pvt. Ltd
Ms. Rimi Nayak	CEO	Rimi Nayak India
Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya	CEO	Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd
Secretariat		
Mr. Subhodip Ghosh	Director General Designate	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury	Assistant Director	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Mr. Sambit Dasgupta	Sr. Manager	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

14th July 2016

The delegation was invited to participate in the Seminar on 'Indian Opportunities for Italian Companies' in Melia Hotel, Milan on 14th July 2016, organized by ANIMA (Federation of the Italian Associations of Mechanical and Engineering Industries). The programme was graced by Ambassador Anil Wadhwa and Mr. Carlo Banfi, Vice President, ANIMA (Italy). The other speakers included:

- Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber who addressed 'Opportunities of Italian Companies in West Bengal'

- Mr. Vivek Abraham, Assistant Vice President, Invest India who addressed 'The New India Story' and 'Opportunities for Italian companies in various sectors (food technology, water, energy including oil and gas, green technologies, infrastructure, automotive and others)'
- Mr. Vincenzo Abbate, International Relations, SACE and Mr. Marco Rosati, Italy Desk Responsible, Simest. They spoke on 'Support to export and investment abroad for Italian companies'
- Mr. Carlo Banfi also addressed 'Italian Excellence in Manufacturing - presenting the technologies and sectors in focus'.

The programme was followed by B2B Meetings which were joined

by the members of the delegation from West Bengal. There was also a display kiosk of Indian textiles and fashion products by the two members of the delegation who were fashion designers.

15th July 2016

The delegation visited San Marino. The Bengal Chamber took the first initiative of taking a business delegation from India to San Marino.

San Marino is perhaps the world's oldest surviving republic. It is an enclave in Italy, on the border between the region of Emilia Romagna and Marche and about 10 km (6.21 mi) from the Adriatic coast at Rimini. It is part of the Apennine mountain range. It has a population of 32000 with GDP being \$ 1.365 billion (PPP 2012 est.) and GDP per capita at around \$55,000. The main industries are tourism, banking, textiles, electronics, ceramics, cement, wine, paints, furniture and others. It has the lowest unemployment rate in Europe with a State Budget surplus and no National Debt.

The delegation attended a meeting organized by San Marino Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was attended by Ms. Antonella Mularni, Minister of Economy and International Cooperation and Mr. Marco Arzilli, Minister of Industry, San Marino. Mr. Massino Ghiotti, General Manager, San Marino Chamber of Commerce was also present. Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi, First Secretary (Commercial), Embassy of India in Rome was present in San Marino with the Chamber's delegation.

The Bengal Chamber extended an invitation to San Marino Chamber of Commerce to bring a business delegation to West Bengal. The delegation is expected within a year.

Ministries of San Marino present in the meeting and the Embassy of India both confirmed that India and San Marino share an excellent diplomatic relationship. Both the countries are keen to

enhance the business relationship. The Meeting included presentation from The Bengal Chamber on 'Opportunities in West Bengal' and addresses by the abovementioned Ministries of San Marino and the Embassy of India in Rome. It was then followed by B2B Meetings.

The B2B Meetings revealed that there was a great interest of the business community in San Marino to explore West Bengal/India. The sectors of interest are architecture, furniture, healthcare, startup village, food processing and others.

The delegation travelled to Rome the following day on 15th July 2016. The next meeting was held in Rome on 18th July 2016.

18th July 2016

The Delegation attended the Trade and Business Meeting at Embassy of India in Rome. The programme opened with welcome remark by the Ambassador. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh presented the Opportunities in West Bengal to the business community in Rome present in the said Meeting. Mr. Maurizio Miranda, President, Indo-Italian Institute for Trade and Technology presented '30 years of Trade, Technology, Innovation, Investments and Culture – Now the new revolution'. Mr. Maurizio Accinni, Senior International Development Manager, Corporate Division, BNL BNP Paribas Group presented 'BNL and BNP Paribas Group support to bilateral trade and investments'.

This was followed by B2B Interactions.

19th July 2016

The concluding day, 19th July 2016, was utilized for follow up and additional B2B Meetings.



Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Embassy of India in Rome addressing the Seminar on 'Indian Opportunities for Italian Companies'



The Delegation



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber addressing 'Opportunities of Italian Companies in West Bengal' at the Seminar on 'Indian Opportunities for Italian Companies'



Bengal Chamber Delegation in audience at Seminar on 'Indian Opportunities for Italian Companies'. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa (L) and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh (R) seated in the front row

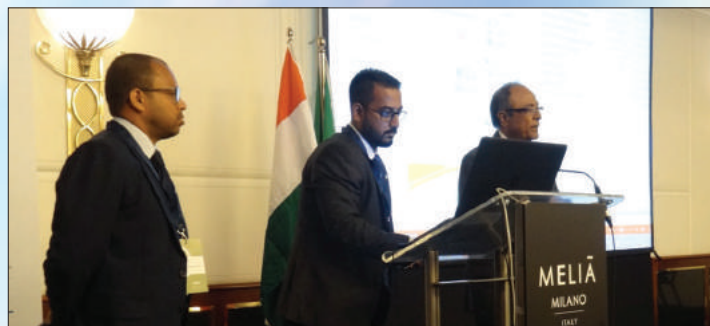
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Introduction of Delegates



Introduction of Delegates



Introduction of Delegates



B2B Meeting in progress after Seminar on 'Indian Opportunities for Italian Companies'



In San Marino- Seated (L-R): Mr. Vivek Abraham, Assistant Vice President, Invest India; Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi, First Secretary (Commercial), Embassy of India in Rome; Mr. Marco Arzilli, Minister of Industry, San Marino; Ms. Antonella Mulami, Minister of Economy and International Cooperation, San Marino; Mr. Massimo Ghiotti, General Manager, San Marino Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh



Mr. Massimo Ghiotti (L) and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh (R)

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Ambassador Anil Wadhwa welcoming the delegates and participants in the Trade and Business Meeting at the Embassy of India in Rome



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh addressing the seminar in Rome



Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi, First Secretary (Commercial), Indian Embassy in Rome initiating the B2B Meetings at the Embassy of India in Rome



B2B Meetings in progress at Embassy of India in Rome



B2B Meetings in progress at Embassy of India in Rome



B2B Meetings in progress at Embassy of India in Rome



Presentation of Chamber's Memento and Publication – 'Discover Bengal' to Mr. Maurizio Miranda, President, Indo-Italian Institute for Trade and Technology



Presentation of Chamber's Memento and Publication – 'Discover Bengal' to Mr. Maurizio Accinni, Senior International Development manager, Corporate Division, BNL BNP Paribas Group

BCC&I Leadership Lecture Series with Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia

28th March 2016,
Chamber Premises

The Inaugural Edition of Leadership Lecture Series of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry commenced with an enlightening talk by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, followed by an invigorating interactive session at the Chamber Premises on 28th March, 2016.

In his welcome address, the President, Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, stated that The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has traditionally been a forum for stalwarts to meet and share perspectives on industry, trade and developmental issues. The Chamber was honoured to have Dr. Ahluwalia as the luminary in the inaugural edition of the Leadership Lecture Series to which the Chamber would be inviting eminent knowledge experts and thought leaders to deliberate on subjects of immediate relevance. Further, it would also provide the industry leaders, academicians and eminent people across various fields, the opportunity to share their thoughts with the invited speakers and apprise them about the activities happening in this part of the country.

Mr Sunil Mitra, Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, in his address stated that while India's structural economic processes has yielded results by way of increase in FDI and global rating agencies and institutions reviewing their earlier pessimistic assessments and also the Aadhar movement which has made a substantial headway, India still had a long way to go. The country presently seemed to be at a cross road as far as economic development was concerned.

Starting his speech, Dr Ahluwalia stated that he felt greatly honoured to be the First Speaker at The Bengal Chamber Leadership Lecture Series and to be at this impressive Heritage Building of the Chamber. Dr. Ahluwalia's gripped the interest of the audience throughout his address which covered an analysis of the economic reform process and its slow outcome initially. He then made a detailed analysis of the country's GDP growth story and his own theory on how to maintain and sustain a GDP growth of around 7.5% to 8% per annum and bringing about inclusive growth as well in the process. The highlights of his talk are summarized below:

In the last 10 years or so, the global perception of India has improved

substantially. Globally, people perceive India very differently as compared to what it was a few years back. This happens to be the 25th year of liberalization of the Indian economy. However, the impact of what was done in the 90s was not felt immediately. The rate of change for the better had been slower than what it was expected to be.

From 2003 onwards right up to the global financial crisis in 2008, the economy grew faster than ever, at about 8% per annum. The Indian economy also slowed down due to global factors, but picked up quickly. The Indian economy during this time grew at 7.7% per annum. The only economy which did better was China. We are about 1/4th of China's size but still it is a significant economy growing at 7.7%. We should remain on the ball and remain doing the right things and we should keep growing at that rate. However, global growth prospects have deteriorated.

In the developing economies, countries heavily dependent on commodities are not benefiting. China has grown for 13 years at 10% and is now slowing down. They have been able to capitalize on the growth that has happened. However, the impact on their domestic demand has been negative. This year their growth rate has been about 6.5%.

The next question to be asked is whether it is really true that China or other countries will slow down and at the same time India will continue to grow. Dr. Ahluwalia felt that growth will depend on increase in exports and managing balance of payments. Currently global growth prospects have depreciated. The mood in the industrialized world is negative. Decline in oil and commodities prices has helped India. If oil prices remain low the balance of payment problem can be tackled. The other positive factor for India has been that a positive message has gone out to the world through multiple changes in the Government that India welcomes FDI. However, poor infrastructure, poor logistics and overall lack of ease of doing business are our domestic constraints.

As far as the GDP growth of the country is concerned, the 12th Plan, as it began was quite optimistic. The growth target has been fixed

to about 8%. It is not difficult to focus on a figure of 8% to 9%.

According to his views right now, globally what people think is if we can follow sound policies and maintain the pace of reforms we can surely continue with a growth rate of about 7.5%. This forecast is based on continuing reforms triggering productivity.

The role of productivity in growth process needs to be focused on and understood. If India's productivity growth improves and if it can go up to at 2% to 2.5% from 1% per year then India's GDP growth rate can be 7.5%. Therefore, even to achieve this 7.5% growth there has to be an improvement in the underlying growth of what is called Total Factor Productivity which implies decomposition of growth of capital input and growth of labour input. Our capital investment is much more as we are far from the growth frontier and there is scope for catching up and leap frogging. Around 32 to 34% of GDP goes into investment in capital. The system is flexible enough for technology changes to be brought in.

Dr Ahluwalia felt very clearly on what India now needs to do in order to be on the growth path. He felt that India needs:

- (1) Macro-economic balance; otherwise everything gets disrupted. The Government should ensure macro-economic balance.
- (2) Development of infrastructure which is poor now. Infrastructure means power and logistics. Improvement should be such that it could enable integrated movement. Systems response in infrastructure is important.
- (3) Ease of doing business. A list of necessities which businessmen talk about. Each State should promise that in a short time frame what will be on offer. Presently States are competing against each other which has been an important development.
- (4) The new phenomenon has been that progress in industries is not going to come from traditional big industrial houses. They are not going to be the ones that are going to produce jobs in the scale that we need. Not much has been done to build up an environment for startups. Startups think that they are smarter than legacy systems in the space of startups. Both Central and State Governments need to focus on what is needed to be done. By small and medium we have meant unviable miniscule industries. We however have reasonably bigger concentration of larger entities. We do not have small and medium really. Our policy has been a multiplication of low technology small scale operation that are not being able keep pace with the rest of the system.
- (5) 'Financial Inclusion'. This has been given a lot of emphasis by the present Government. The number of people included in the banking system is very small. Technology enablers with Aadhar linkages have enabled more people to be brought under the banking system. 900 million people have been covered under Aadhar. Gradually all subsidies and payments like NAREGA payments can be done through Aadhar based bank accounts. The robust 'one person one identity' enabled environment will open up several avenues and seal leakages. A person can use his entire financial records available through the system to access credit requirements.

Road Ahead

Dr. Ahluwalia listed agriculture, banking, infrastructure and skill development as the areas that the government should focus on to drive growth. Noting that agriculture growth was lagging, he stressed the need to improve the farm market, enhance rural road connectivity and focus on agri research. In banking, he argued the government has to find a way around the mess over bad loans with appropriate haircuts (for lending institutions) and penalties (for promoters).

The 1st Leadership Lecture Series was presented by JIS Group, in association with ABP & The Telegraph.



Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a Memento to Dr. Ahluwalia.



Mr. Taranjit Singh, CMD, JIS Group and Chief Patron, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia.



Dr. Ahluwalia taking questions from the audience. Seated on the Dais are (from Left to Right) Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Sunil Mitra, Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India and Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber.

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Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia addressing the audience.



Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, in front of the hallowed portals of The Bengal Chamber, accompanied by Mr. Sunil Mitra, Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India to his right; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber to his immediate left and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, DG Designate, The Bengal Chamber, on the extreme Left.

18th February 2016
Chamber Premises

Workshop on Corporate Responsibility A Way Forward for Change

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Eastern Indian Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated the World CSR Day on 18th Feb 2016 at Globsyn Hall at the Chamber Premises.

The Bengal Chamber joined hands with the premier Corporate Governance Institute of India to celebrate the World CSR Day not only because CSR had become mandatory by law but also because of the Government's thrust on CSR activities. Professionals and representatives from Corporates attended the event with full enthusiasm and participation.

This event was organized under the guidance of Chairman of the Legal Committee of BCC&I, Adv DN Mitra and EIRC-ICSI Chairman, CS Sandip Kejriwal. EIRC-ICSI Vice Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of BCC&I, CS Siddhartha Murarka played a pivotal

role in not only organizing the event but he was also speaker for the 1st Technical Session where he delivered into legal provisions relating to CSR. CA Sandip Pitty, National Jt. Treasurer of renowned NGO "Friends of Tribal Society" was the speaker for the 2nd Technical Session where he discussed taxation & accounting related complexities and also practical aspects of implementation of CSR activities and challenges therein. Advocate Paritosh Sinha, Member, Legal Committee of the Bengal Chamber conducted the open house and thanked the sponsors and EIRC-ICSI on behalf of the Chamber. CS Gautam Dugar, Secretary - EIRC-ICSI gave a formal vote of thanks on behalf of ICSI.

The event was supported by Bengal Shrachi Housing Limited and The Banayan Tree Group. The programme was well attended and greatly appreciated by the participants.



Adv D N Mitra, Chairperson, Legal Committee, BCC&I; CS Gautam Dugar, EIRC-ICSI; CS Siddhartha Murarka, Co-Chairperson, Legal Committee, BCC&I; CA Sandip Pitty; Adv P Sinha, Member, BCC&I Legal Committee.



Adv D N Mitra



Adv P Sinha



CS Gautam Dugar, EIRC-ICSI



CA Sandip Pitty



During Q/A



CS Siddhartha Murarka delivering his speech



The panel during the Open House

PROGRAMME

Seminar on Arbitration

7th May 2016
Chamber Premises

The Legal Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a special Seminar on Arbitration on 7th May 2016 from 3 p.m. onwards in the Williamson Magor Hall, 1st Floor, Chamber premises.

The general law relating to arbitration is contained in the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the 'said Act') which is based on UNCITRAL MODEL LAW on International Commercial Arbitration as adopted in 1985 by United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, applying to both international as well as domestic arbitration. The said Act was enacted to provide an alternative dispute redressal mechanism for speedy disposal of cases relating to arbitration with the least intervention of the Court. With the passage of time, some difficulties in the applicability of the said Act were noticed. Interpretation on the provisions of the said Act by the Court in some cases have resulted in delay in disposal of arbitration proceedings and increase in interference of Courts in arbitration matters, which tends to defeat the object of the Act. With a view to overcome the said difficulties, the President was pleased to promulgate the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 on 23rd October, 2015. The said Ordinance has since been replaced by the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015, which came into force on 31st December, 2015 with retrospective effect from 23rd October, 2015. This amendment has raised several eyebrows amongst the lawyers, the litigants, businessmen and corporates, alike.

This was an attempt on the part of the Chamber to have the pros and cons of the said amendments and its effect on the litigants, the arbitrators and the lawyers practicing in this field. The speakers of the seminar included luminaries like Shri Jayanta Kumar Mitra, Advocate General of West Bengal, who spoke on the basic fields of amendments in 2015, Mr. Jishnu Saha, Senior Advocate, who spoke on the amendment of Sections 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 (except sub-sections 8 and 14) and 17 of the Act, Justice Alok Chakraborty (Retd), who spoke on the amendment of Sections 11(8) and (14), 12 and 29A & B and Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate, who spoke on the amendment of Sections 24, 31A, 34, 36 and 37 of the Act. The programme was moderated by Senior Advocate Mr. Paritosh Sinha, Member Legal Committee, The Bengal Chamber. It was a most successful and well-subscribed seminar and was well attended by the media.



Adv D N Mitra, Chairman, Legal Committee, BCC&I during his Opening Address



Advocate General of West Bengal Shri Jayanta Mitra delivering the Keynote Address



Audience from corporates and the legal fraternity



During the programme



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber concluding the session

7th May 2016
Chamber Premises

Seminar on Arbitration



The Q/A session



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Shri Jayanta Mitra



Justice Alok Chakraborty (Retd.), High Court, during his speech



Senior Advocate Mr. Jishnu Saha during his speech



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I



Senior Advocate Mr. Samrat Sen.

Taj Bengal, Kolkata

Metals 2015 – 24th September 2015,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented the fourth edition of the iconic Metals Conclave “Metals 2015” on 24th September 2015 in Kolkata with special focus on Steel, at the Taj Bengal, Kolkata.

The steel industry reflects the overall economic growth of an economy in the long term as demand for steel is derived from other sectors like automobiles, consumer durables and infrastructure. Matching with the pace of “Make in India” while simultaneously facing the high tides from raw materials availability, pricing factor from imports and other impediments, what would be the actual fate of the Indian Iron and steel Industry? Per capita consumption of Steel is a strong indicator of level of development of the nation. In this context, the Bengal Chamber’s Metals Conclave focused on Raw Material

Securities and Logistics issues facing the Steel Industry, while also holding a Stakeholders- Producers Interactive Session. The objective of this forum, which has in the past felicitated iconic personalities in the metallurgical industry, was to create a relevant platform for decision makers in this sector to come together and brainstorm on growth and business issues governing the ground realities for this most important segment of the Indian economy.

This year we conferred the “Metal Icon Award” on Shri Sajjan Jindal, Chairman & Managing Director, JSW Steel Ltd. for his immense contribution to the Steel Industry. Dr. Amit Mitra, Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, IT & Electronics, Finance & Excise, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises, Government

of West Bengal who also inaugurated the conclave as the Chief Guest, felicitated Mr. Jindal and honoured him with the Metal Icon award.

The Conclave witnessed the presence of many other leading personalities from the Steel and Steel Consuming industries. Mr. Syedain Abbasi, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India inaugurated the Conclave as the Guest of Honour. Some of the other eminent speakers at the Conclave were Mr. Malay Mukherjee, Former COO, Mittal Steel and Former Member of the Board of Directors, Arcelor Mittal; Mr. Biswadip Gupta, Past President, BCC&I and President, Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd.; Mr. Sushim Banerjee, Director General, INSDAG; Mr. Vishal Agarwal, Vice Chairman & MD, Visa Steel; Mr. Subrata Mitra, Joint Managing

Director, M N Dastur & Co. Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Abraham Stephanos, Managing Director, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited; Mr. Partha Sengupta, CEO, SNRL; Mr. Mike Barton, COO, Forum Group; Dr. Tridibesh Mukherjee, Former Deputy Managing Director, Tata Steel Limited; Mr. Amit Mukherjee, General Manager, L&T and Mr. Somnath Guha, Managing Director, Metalist Consultants Pvt. Ltd.

The Conclave was also a great success with over 200 participants from varied steel consuming sectors, steel producers, infrastructure and real estate sectors, the e-traders of steel, engineering colleges, geological departments of leading universities, Geological Survey of India and the Media.



Photo showing Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Partha Sengupta, CEO, SNRL and Dr. Amit Mitra, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Commerce and Industries, IT & Electronics, Finance & Excise, Industrial Reconstruction and Public Enterprises Government of West Bengal at the Portico, Taj Bengal before the start of the Conclave.



Speakers interacting with Dr. Amit Mitra before the start of the programme.



Dr. Amit Mitra and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta greets Mr. Sajjan Jindal as he joins the Opening Session.



At the opening Session. From left : Mr. Syedain Abbasi, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, Dr. Amit Mitra; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta; Mr. Sajjan Jindal, Chairman & MD, JSW Steel Ltd and Mr. Biswadip Gupta, Past President, BCC&I and President, Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd.



Dr. Amit Mitra honouring Mr. Sajjan Jindal with the "Metal Icon Award".



Speakers at the Opening Session.

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Speakers at Part B of the Opening Session. From Left : Mr. Shashikant Sharma, VP Commercial, JSW Steel Ltd., Mr. Sushim Banerjee, Director General, INSDAG; Mr. Malay Mukherjee, Former COO, Mittal Steel and Former Member of the Board of Directors, Arcelor Mittal; Mr. Vishal Agarwal, Vice Chairman & MD, Visa Steel; Mr. Subrata Mitra, Joint Managing Director, M N Dastur & Co. Pvt. Ltd.



Dr. Amit Mitra felicitating Mr. Sajjan Jindal.



The Audience.



Dr. Purandar Bhattacharya, Chairman, "Metals 2015" Conclave moderating the programme.



Mr. Sajjan Jindal speaking at the Opening Session.



Speakers at the "Users- Producers Interactive Session". From left : Mr. Partha Sengupta, CEO, SNRL; Mr. Abraham Stephanos, Managing Director, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Ltd.; Dr. Tridibesh Mukherjee, Former Deputy Managing Director, Tata Steel Limited; Mr. Mike Barton, COO, Forum Group; Mr. Amit Mukherjee, General Manager, L&T; Mr. Somnath Guha, Managing Director, Metalist Consultants Pvt. Ltd.

16th January 2016
The Park, Kolkata

The Manufacturing Committee of BCC&I organized the eight edition of the annual MSME Excellence Awards titled "Seminar for BCC&I Awards for Excellence in Best Practices of MSMEs" with the participation of senior representatives from the Government, Industry, Academia and experts on Saturday, 16th January 2016 at 10.00 a.m. at The Park, Kolkata.

The focus of the event has always been to create a benchmark for the MSMEs by giving them exposure to the best manufacturing and service practices adopted and implemented by their peers/counterparts so that they could learn, adopt and implement these practices in their respective organizations, which would help them to achieve better productivity as well as quality at lesser cost.

This is an annual event of BCC&I and it is being organized to reward the MSMEs for their "Excellence in Best Practices" in spite of the

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severe logistical and infrastructural constraints they come across. The focus is also to give exposure to the MSMEs and extend them the opportunity of networking with industry which comprises of large corporates and MSMEs. The event helps the large scale industries to contribute in their continuous endeavour in developing or upgrading their vendor base by inducting quality vendors for furthering growth and development of their businesses.

This year, our award programme was presided over by Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I, who commenced the session by giving a Welcome Speech. Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President – Designate, BCC&I presented the BCC&I Trophies and the Certificates of Appreciation to the award winners and concluded the eight edition of the BCC&I MSME Excellence Awards by giving the concluding remarks.

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The key speakers were :

Shri R K Middy, Jt Director (P&S), Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal

Shri P.K. Saha, Ex Chief General Manager of SIDBI & Currently representative of Kolkata Chapter of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)

Mr. Soundarajan.V, Sr General Manager, Business Development, BSE Limited

Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya, President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries (FOSMI), West Bengal The panel of judges who evaluated the presentations of the participating MSMEs was headed by Mr Alope Mookherjee (Chief Judge), Past President, BCC&I and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited; Mr

Debkumar Basu, Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and Dr Suman K Mukerjee, Sr Professor and Former Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science (Kolkata Kendra).

The judges selected the one best case study presentation in Steel & Manufacturing Category and two best case study presentations in Service Category out of a series of presentations made by the participating MSMEs. Following were the MSMEs which won the Award along with the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation.

Steel & Manufacturing Category :

- I & B Engineers Pvt Ltd

Service Category :

- Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd
- Indus Net Technologies

The award programme was attended by well over 170 delegates from industry representing sectors like manufacturing, engineering, petrochemicals, chemicals, financial institutions, bankers and others. The feedback from the session was extremely positive as it was an excellent learning experience and networking forum.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I addressing the eighth edition of the BCC&I MSME Excellence Award programme. Seated (L-R): Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu, Dy General Manager – Technical, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd; Shri R K Middy, Jt Director (P&S), Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal; Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya, President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries (FOSMI), West Bengal, Mr. Soundarajan. V, Sr General Manager, Business Development, BSE Limited and Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I.



Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya addressing the session.



Mr. Soundarajan.V addressing the session.

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Mr Jayanta Basu addressing the session.



Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu addressing the session.



Shri R K Mridha addressing the session.



The panel of judges and the delegates present in the programme.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr. Soundarajan. V.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Shri R K Mridha.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Mr Jayanta Basu.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu.

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Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh addressing the Inaugural Session of the programme.



Mr Aloke Mookherjee, Past President, BCC&I and Chairman, Howden Solvent (India) Private Limited addressing the Technical Session I of the programme.



A section of the audience present in the programme.



A participant from Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd under the service category making a presentation in the programme.



A participant from M/s. Girish Ch. Ghosh and GGS under the service category making a presentation in the programme.



A participant from I & B Engineers Pvt. Ltd. under the steel and manufacturing category making a presentation in the programme.

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Shri P.K. Saha, Ex Chief General Manager of SIDBI & Currently representative of Kolkata Chapter of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGT- MSE) addressing the Technical Session II of the programme while seated on the dais (L-R): Mr Ashok Ghosh, Managing Director, PABSTA Engineers India Ltd, Mr Debasish Jana (Session Chairman), Co-Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I, Mr Nilanjan Ray, Director, Metal Engineering & Treatment Company Private Limited and Mr. N K Kajaria, Director, Anderson Printing House.



Mr Nilanjan Ray addressing the session.



Mr. N K Kajaria addressing the session.



Mr Ashok Ghosh addressing the session.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr. N K Kajaria.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr Nilanjan Ray.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr Ashok Ghosh.

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Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation at the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session to Indus Net Technologies (one of the winning participants under the Service Category).



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation to Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd (one of the winning participants under the Service Category).



Mr Debkumar Basu, Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr P N Gupta, Consultant - Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr Pritish K Sen, Head - Market Research & External Affairs, M&S Division, Tata Steel Limited and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh addressing the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session of the programme.



A group photo with the award winners.

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Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation to I & B Engineers Pvt Ltd (the winning participant under the Steel and Manufacturing Category).



A section of the audience present in the programme

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Chamber premises

National Productivity Week Celebration: Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), partnering National Productivity Council (NPC), celebrated the National Productivity Week with the theme “Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth” on 17th February 2016 at BCC&I, Kolkata. The National Productivity Week Celebration is a significant event for BCC&I and NPC and it is celebrated every year between 12th -18th February.

The inaugural session was presided over by Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I. Mr. Ghosh delivered the Welcome Speech. Besides, there were other senior inaugural speakers like Mr A. K. Sinha, Regional Director, National Productivity Council, Kolkata; Mr. R.K.Chakraborty, President - HR & Corporate Affairs, Shyam Group of Industries; Smt R. Alice Vaz, IAS, Director, Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal and Mr Debkumar Basu, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I and Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. who concluded the inaugural session by delivering the Vote of Thanks.

Besides, there was a panel discussion on the theme of the programme and it was chaired by Mr. Debkumar Basu. The panel comprised of eminent panelists from industry (comprising of large corporates and MSMEs), academia, experts, etc and they were Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer KAIL Limited (Videocon Group); Mr Suman Lahiri, Visiting Professor, IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand, Consultant, IVL, Sweden and Former Regional Director, EBTC; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited (TSPDL); Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, GlobSyn Business School, Prof. Sandeep Ghosh, Professor, IISWBM; Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi, Director, Neogi Technologies and Research Private Limited; Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Supriyo Ghosh, CEO & Managing Partner, M/s Girish Ch. Ghosh & GGS and Mr Sudipta Chandra, Director, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd.



Smt R. Alice Vaz, IAS, Director, Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal addressing the session.



Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Smt R. Alice Vaz.



Mr A. K. Sinha, Regional Director, National Productivity Council, Kolkata presenting a memento to Mr R.K. Chakraborty, President - HR & Corporate Affairs, Shyam Group of Industries.



Mr Debkumar Basu, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I and Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. addressing the session.

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A group photo of the Inaugural speakers.



The Panel discussion of the National Productivity Week celebration based on the theme "Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth". L-R: Seated on the dais - Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer KAIL Limited (Videocon Group); Prof. Sandeep Ghosh, Professor, IISWBM; Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, Globsyn Business School; Mr Deb Kumar Basu; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. P N Gupta, Consultant - Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and Mr Suman Lahiri, Visiting Professor, IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand, consultant, IVL, Sweden and Former Regional Director, EBTC. Besides, there were other panelists (not in the picture) and they were Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi, Director, Neogi Technologies and Research Private Limited; Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Supriyo Ghosh, CEO & Managing Partner, M/s Girish Ch. Ghosh & GGS; Mr Sudipta Chandra, Director, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd.



Dr. Goutam Sengupta addressing the session.



Mr Suman Lahiri addressing the session.



Dr. Anjan Ghosh addressing the session.



Mr. P N Gupta addressing the session.



Dr. Subir Sen addressing the session.



Prof. Sandeep Ghosh addressing the session.

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Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi and Mr Gautam Basu addressing the session.



Mr Jayanta Basu addressing the session.



Mr Supriyo Ghosh addressing the session.



Mr Sudipta Chandra addressing the session.



A group photo of the Panel speakers.



Delegates present in the programme.

27th May 2016
Chamber Premises

Workshop on Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA)

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) partnering National Productivity Council (NPC), organized a workshop on "Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA)" on Friday, 27th May 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in the Chamber premises.

The workshop was conducted by an eminent faculty from Japan, Mr Hiroshi Tachikawa, who is an expert in the field of MFCA and he is also the Managing Director of Propharm, Japan.

The objective of the workshop was to make the participants aware about the concept of MFCA which would help them in further mapping the actual cost and quantity of materials required for production, the waste generated – how it could be measured in terms of quantity and cost and how the waste could be further reduced in terms of quantity and cost and how it could be properly recycled to produce a by-product suited for industry requirements. Besides, this concept would help the participants in judging the actual energy cost required for production and how it could be properly mapped and reduced further to maintain the optimum level of production.

The workshop was an eye opener for industry representatives and it gave them a clear idea about the material and energy costs and about their quantities and how these could be properly mapped and reduced further in terms of quantity and cost with proper application of related tools and techniques to enhance productivity.

The workshop was attended by industry leaders from the MSME manufacturing units and some of the large manufacturing houses.



Mr. Deb Kumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I welcoming the faculty and the delegates and giving them a background on the MFCA concept at the workshop



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Workshop on Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA)



The participants present in the workshop



Mr. Indrajit Sen, Past Chairperson and a senior member of the Manufacturing Committee of BCC&I presenting a memento to Mr. Hiroshi Tachikawa in the presence of Mr. Deb Kumar Basu and Mr. Debasis Jana, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I

21st January 2016
Siliguri

Bengal Chamber Study on North Bengal Industrial and Economic Prospects released by Hon'ble CM in Siliguri

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee released the Bengal Chamber study on North Bengal Industrial and Economic Prospects, at a special programme in Siliguri on 21st January 2016. The Hon'ble CM specially spoke about the Bengal Chamber's special contribution to development in the State and greatly appreciated this work culminating in the report.

She congratulated the Chamber's work and its opening a new office in Siliguri and spoke glowingly about the President, Mr. Dasgupta as being an "excellent" leader. She also spoke about Mr. K K Mittal, CMD, PCM Group of Industries being present. Mr. Mittal is the Chamber's great supporter in our work in North Bengal. The Hon'ble CM also observed that the Chamber's in-depth study covering each District of North Bengal was critical in mapping the advantages and immediate and future prospects.



Hon'ble CM of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee releasing the Bengal Chamber study on North Bengal Industrial and Economic Prospects, at a special programme in Siliguri on 21st January 2016. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President (R) and Mr. K K Mittal representing the Industry fraternity of the Chamber's North Bengal initiative (Middle) along with Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal with the Hon'ble CM.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President (R) and Mr. K K Mittal representing the Industry fraternity of the Chamber's North Bengal initiative (Middle) along with Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal are with the Hon'ble CM.

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Taxi Commuter Connect Platform – Presentation and Press Meet

4th March 2016,
Netaji Indoor Stadium Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry on 4th March 2016, in a brainstorming session with the Department of Transport, Govt. of West Bengal and other relevant Stakeholders, including Taxi Unions, presented a business proposal for the “Taxi Commuter Connect Platform”, an innovative platform for Public Taxi Operators, popularly known as yellow and blue/white taxis which are outside the purview of app-based service at the moment.

Over the past few years there has been a growing fleet of Mobile Application based (App-based) Taxi Service providers in Kolkata. Popularity and preference for App-based taxis are also on the rise. Key advantages of App based taxi drivers remain the availability of a platform for customer sourcing. However there remains an estimated 30,000 taxis (yellow and blue/white taxis) which are outside the purview of such customer sourcing platforms. With this proposal, The Bengal Chamber is offering the prospect of bringing to these taxis a platform for customer sourcing to provide them with a level playing field with other App-based taxi services. Such a platform is also expected to provide customers with an option to remotely locate and call a Yellow Taxi without compromising safety, comfort, reliability and cost competitiveness.

Having duly examined the city transportation and difficulties for both Yellow Taxi Drivers & Commuters, we are confident that our proposed platform will largely address their needs. Our goal is to provide a technology platform that helps Yellow Taxis with a competitive edge in customer sourcing through efficient information management and intelligent trend-based insights – all in real time. By availing our platform, Kolkata can experience:

- q Improved Driver Commuter Interaction
- q Less refusal, Yellow Taxi at door step
- q Safe, reliable, comfortable, sustainable and accessible transport
- q Optimized City Area Coverage.
- q Rationalized Taxi Polarization within the City.
- q Potential drop in use of Personal Vehicles.
- q Reduced Parking issues at Taxi Stands
- q Enablement of Smarter City Transportation.

By implementing such platform, Yellow and blue/white taxis become more convenient, comfortable, accessible and understandable for everyone. The number of passengers using these taxis should increase and citizens would be able to embrace their utility to society, thereby, transforming the way Kolkata moves!

The Stakeholders present in the session included representatives from prominent Taxi Owners Associations (Calcutta Taxi Owners, Progressive Taxi Owners Association, Bengal Taxi Owners Association) National Informatics Centre (NIC), Kolkata Police (ACP-Traffic and DC-Traffic1) along with Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary, Transport, Govt. of West Bengal and other key officials from the Department of Transport, Govt. of West Bengal. The session was also very well covered by the Media. A two member task force represented by officials from the Department of Transport, Govt. of West Bengal and Kolkata Police was also being created to take the project forward.



Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal addressing the media.



BCC&I President Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, addressing the media.

Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal during a press interview. Alongside him from R-L are, Mr. Vineet Kumar Goyal, IPS, Addl. Commissioner of Police (I) and Mr. V. Solomon Nesakumar, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic Department.



Mr. Pradip Bhowmick, Partner, Infrastructure and Government Services, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd and part of the BCC&I's Task Force for this project presenting the contours of the project to the stakeholders present in the meeting.



A glimpse of the massive media coverage for the event.



18th September 2015,
Chamber Premises

Seminar on Transloading – The Future of Bulk
Cargo Handling in India,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized its annual event with the help of senior representatives from Government, industry leaders, policy makers, researchers, etc. for the year 2015-16 titled “Seminar on Transloading – The Future of Bulk Cargo Handling in India” on Friday, 18th September 2015 at 10.00 a.m. at the Chamber premises. The seminar was organized to deliberate on the importance of Transloading operations in India and its impact on the economic development of our country.

Mr. S B Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I welcomed the inaugural speakers on the dais and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I delivered the Welcome Speech at the Inaugural Session. The other speakers on the dais were Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS, Chairman, National Shipping Board, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India who was our Chief Guest for the seminar and Shri R P S Kahlon, IAS, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT), Ministry of Shipping, Government of India who was our Guest of Honour for the seminar.

The other key speakers of the seminar were Dr. Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman & Managing Director, National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd (NTPC), New Delhi; Shri P. Ravindran, Chief Mechanical Engineer V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin; Mr. Milan Nanda, Sr. Maintenance Manager, PHBPL, Paradip; Mr Farhat Imam, Chief Operating Officer, Resolve Marine Group, USA; Shri. Himanshu

Ranjan, Chief Manager (Consumer Sales), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Marketing Division, Kolkata; Shri Amitabh Verma, IAS, Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI); Capt S N Chaubey, General Manager – Marine, Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port Trust, Haldia; Mr Nithin Menon, Head – Indian sub-continent & Middle East, Swire Bulk Logistics | The China Navigation Co. Pte. Ltd, Mumbai; Mr. Arunabh Tripathi, M/s Coeclerici Logistics, Mumbai and Shri Brojen Thamar, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata. Mr. Dibyendu Bose, Group Director (Investments and New Ventures), Tata Steel Limited and Mr. S C Saxena, Vice Chairman, Swaymbhu Natural Resources (P) Ltd. (SNRL Ltd., SREI Group) were the moderators of Technical Session I and II.

Overall, the seminar witnessed a huge delegate participation which comprised of port users, trade representatives, barge operators/owners/manufacturers, industry representatives, experts, policy makers, researchers, academicians and others related thereto. The total number of delegates for the seminar was above 150.

The one full day seminar helped us to work out an action plan based on which further initiatives could be taken for bringing developments in Transloading operations in India which would provide immense benefit to the Shipping industry, trade and especially to those Industries which are the ultimate beneficiaries from Transloading operations.



The Speakers seated at the Inaugural Session. L-R: Mr. S B Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I, Dr. Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS, Chairman, National Shipping Board, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India; Shri R.P.S. Kahlon, IAS, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) and Mr. P Roy, Director General, BCC&I



Mr S B Mazumder addressing the Session.



Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS delivering his Inaugural speech.



Shri R.P.S.Kahlon, IAS addressing the Session.

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Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Dr Vishwapati Trivedi, IAS



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Shri R.P.S. Kahlon, IAS



The delegates present in the seminar



Press conference of the seminar



The Speakers seated at Technical Session I L-R: Shri P. Ravindran, Chief Mechanical Engineer V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin; Dr. Arup Roy Choudhury, Chairman & Managing Director, National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd (NTPC), New Delhi; Mr. Dibyendu Bose, Group Director (Investments and New Ventures), Tata Steel Limited; Mr Farhat Imam, Chief Operating Officer, Resolve Marine Group, USA and Mr. Milan Nanda, Sr. Maintenance Manager, PHBPL, Paradip.



Dr. Arup Roy Choudhury addressing the Session



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Dr. Arup Roy Choudhury



Shri P. Ravindran addressing the Session

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Mr. Milan Nanda addressing the Session



Mr Farhat Imam addressing the Session



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr. Dibyendu Bose



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Shri P.Ravindran



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr. Milan Nanda



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr Farhat Imam



Shri. Himanshu Ranjan addressing the Session



Mr S N Chaubey addressing the Session



Shri Amitabh Verma, IAS addressing the Session



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Shri Amitabh Verma, IAS

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Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr S N Chaubey



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Shri Brojen Thamar



Mr Nithin Menon addressing the Session



Mr Saikat Bandyopadhyay addressing the Session



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Shri. Himanshu Ranjan



The Speakers seated at Technical Session II. L-R: Mr Saikat Bandyopadhyay, Member, Shipping Committee, BCC&I & Deputy General Manager - Business Development, TM International Logistics Limited; Mr Nithin Menon, Head – Indian sub-continent & Middle East, Swire Bulk Logistics | The China Navigation Co. Pte. Ltd, Mumbai; Shri Brojen Thamar, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata; Shri Amitabh Verma, IAS, Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India; Mr S C Saxena, Vice Chairman, Swaymbhu Natural Resources (P) Ltd, (SNRL Ltd., SREI Group); Shri. Himanshu Ranjan, Chief Manager (Consumer Sales), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Marketing Division, Kolkata; Mr S N Chaubey, General Manager – Marine, Haldia Dock Complex, Kolkata Port Trust, Haldia and Mr. Arunabh Tripathi, M/s Coeclerici Logistics, Mumbai.



Mr. Arunabh Tripathi addressing the Session



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr. Arunabh Tripathi



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr Nithin Menon



Mr S B Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr. S C Saxena

25th February 2016
The Park, Kolkata

East & North Eastern Skill Development Summit - Creating Synergies within all Stakeholders

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been organizing Skill Conclaves and Summits for the last few years focusing on the Eastern and North Eastern parts of India. This activity has now become an annual event of the Chamber. Since the North Eastern Part of the Country is a priority area and require extensive professional inputs in respect of introducing skills training providers, initiating large number of training programmes, organizing training of trainers programmes, maintaining liaison with industries and recruiters and universities and most importantly establishing links between industries and institutes, The Bengal Chamber has a special focus on the North Eastern region of the country in the realm of Skill Development.

The programme witnessed the presence of Shri Ujjal Biswas, Hon'ble Minister of the Technical Education & Training Department, Govt. of West Bengal. There were representatives from the State of Tripura and Nagaland attending the programme. Institutes that participated in the programme included George Telegraph, Globsyn and JIS among various other institutes that impart skills education in West Bengal. Tata Strive, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Ltd and Berger were some of the corporates that came forward to be a part of this programme. Presence of a few Sector Skill Councils also created a difference and helped create a strong synergy between the various stakeholders of the skills fraternity. The Hon'ble Minister personally appreciated the efforts of the Chamber.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairman Skill Development Committee, BCC&I, addressing the inaugural session.



Mr. Mainak Guha, Programme Co-ordinator, Directorate of Skill Development, Govt. of Tripura giving his presentation.



Speakers at Session I: The opportunity landscape: perspective from Corporates and Skill Development Institutes.



Mr. Alok Mookherjee, Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited and Past President, The Bengal Chamber, coordinating the Session as the Session Chairman.



Mr. Abraham Stephanos, MD, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited delivering his speech at Session I.



Ms. Tania Chakraborty, Secretariat, Bengal Chamber emceeing the programme.

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Shri Ujjal Biswas, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Technical Education & Training, Govt. of West Bengal at the Special Plenary Session, The Growth Trajectory & Success Stories of Skill Development in Bengal.



President Designate, Mr. Sutanu Ghosh presenting memento to the Hon'ble Minister.



President Designate, Mr. Sutanu Ghosh with the Hon'ble Minister.



The Special Plenary Session with Hon'ble Minister Shri Ujjal Biswas.



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, MD, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited and Chairperson, Emerging Areas Committee, BCC&I with the Hon'ble Minister before delivering the Vote of Thanks and concluding the seminar.

8th March 2016, Chamber premises, Kolkata

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with Ananya Onnomon, a socio-cultural organization and partner of the Chamber in many of its cultural activities, paid tribute to those ladies whose untiring toils have made their children illustrious achievers and leaders in their respective walks of life. The Chamber celebrated this unique day with a very special programme – "Ratnagarbha".

The Chamber paid tribute to Smt. Champa Devi Kanoria, pioneer of the Kanoria Foundation, SREI Group; Smt. Deepa Mallick Chakraborty, Mother of noted actress, Smt Koel Mallick; Smt Sanjukta Ghosh, Mother of Pandit Bickram Ghosh, well-known table player and percussionist; Smt Manjura Ali, Mother of Mr. Mir Afsar Ali, anchor, actor, musician and RJ; Smt Shiela Vijaya, Mother of Ms. Archana Vijaya, noted television presenter; Smt Kalyani Sarkar,

"Ratnagarbha": A Tribute to the Proud Mothers of Bengal

Mother of Shri Joy Sarkar; Smt Meera Gandhi, Mother of Shri Devang Gandhi, Former Test Cricketer and Smt Sanjukta Chakraborty, Mother of Smt Lagnajita Chakraborty, singer.

A special presentation was conducted by famous Gynaecologist of the city, Dr. Gautam Khastagir, Medical Director, BIRTH, on "Dream Comes True for Motherhood". The programme was moderated by Mr. Debashish Dutta, well-known journalist, and included performances by Mr Abhijit Das and Ms Debjani Dutta of Ananya Onnomon.

The sponsors of the event were Merck Group, Simaaya Fashions and Ghosh, Bose and Associates Private Limited. The programme was attended by more than 180 invitees.

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“Ratnagarbha”: A Tribute to the
Proud Mothers of Bengal



Awardees during the function.



BCC&I Ratnagarbha.



Dr. Gautam Khastagir, famous Gynaecologist of Kolkata during his presentation.



Dr. H P Kanoria at the function.



Dr. Shanta Sen, Secretary, Annanya Onnomon.



Mr. Abhijit Das from Annanya Onnomon rendering Rabindrasangeet.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I presenting the Memento for Smt Meera Gandhi to his son Shri Devang Gandhi.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting the Memento to Smt Deepa Mallick Chakraborty, Mother of Smt Koel Mallick.

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Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting the Memento to Smt Sanjukta Chakraborty, Mother of Smt Lagnajita Chakraborty.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting the Memento to Smt Sanjukta Ghosh, Mother of Pandit Bickram Ghosh.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting the Memento to Smt. Champa Devi Kanoria. Pioneer of the Kanoria Foundation.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I during his welcome address.



Mr. Debashish Dutta concluding the evening's programme.



Mr. Debashish Dutta, Moderator of the evening.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate commencing the show.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I presenting the Ratnagarbha Memento to Smt. Kalyani Sarkar, Mother of Shri Joy Sarkar.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh presenting the Ratnagarbha Memento to Smt Shielu Vijaya, Mother of Ms Archana Vijaya.

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“Ratnagarbha”: A Tribute to the
Proud Mothers of Bengal



Ms. Debjani Dutta, Performer, Annaya Onnomon.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, presenting the Ratnagarbha Memento to Smt Manjura Ali, Mother of Mr. Mir Afsar Ali.



Smt. Deepa Mallick with her daughter, Smt Koel Mallick.



Smt. Deepa Mallick and Smt Koel Mallick sharing a few anecdotes.



Section of the audience.



Section of the audience.



Smt. Champa Devi Kanoria, Pioneer of the Kanoria Foundation.



Smt. Koel Mallick.

12th-13th March 2016
Hyatt Regency

Eastern Fashion Legacy

The Bengal Chamber partnered the Eastern Fashion Legacy, which was all about showcasing the fabrics from the East and brought together designers from West Bengal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and the North East on a common platform. This was an initiative of Mr. Arijit Datta, Chairman, Cultural Affairs Committee of the Chamber and Managing Director, Priya Entertainments Pvt. Ltd. The Show brought celebrity showstoppers and renowned designers on the same platform.



A Tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of "Pochishe Baishakh"

6th May 2016, Gandhi Bhavan Auditorium
Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals Group paid tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his birth anniversary on "Pochishe Baishakh" with Visva Bharati University on Friday, 6th May 2016 from 6 p.m. onwards at Gandhi Bhavan auditorium of Jadavpur University.

This was a very special and unique programme initiated by the Chamber in association with Visva Bharati University -the custodian of Gurudev's work, teachings and legacy. The evening included a special programme of "Shyama" by the students of Patha Bhavana school (Visva Bharati University) along with a special presentation named Gurupranam. The second half of the programme also included a small session organized by our cultural partner, Ananya Onnomon.

The programme was supported by Jadavpur University, Bandhan Bank, CESC Limited, Calcutta Tea Traders Association, Techno India Group, International Combustion and Williamson Magor Group.



A student of Patha Bhavana during her recitation at the commencement of the programme



Audience



Guru Pranam by the students of Patha Bhavana

6th May 2016, Gandhi Bhavan Auditorium
Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata

A Tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of "Pochishe Baishakh"



At the conclusion of the programme



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber (left) and Prof Swapan Datta, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University



During Guru Pranam



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Prof Swapan Datta



During the performance



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta paying his tribute to Gurudev



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I delivering the Welcome Address



Performance by Ananya Onnomo

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on the occasion of "Pochishe Baishakh"

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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Prof Swapan Datta



"Shyama" being performed



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, paying his tribute to Gurudev



Prayer Song offered by Visva Bharati University



Ananya Onnomon's performance



Prof. Swapan Datta honoring Mr. Sutanau Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I in presence of Prof. Dr. Sabujkoti Sen of Visva Bharati University (extreme left) and Smt. Bodhinupa Sinha, Principal, Patha Bhavana school



Prof. Swapan Datta honouring Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I



Prof. Swapan Datta welcoming Ms Sukanya Bose, Asst Director, BCC&I

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A Tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of "Pochishe Baishakh"



Prof. Swapan Datta paying his tribute to Gurudev



Shyama and Bojrosen



Prof. Swapan Datta, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University delivering his address



Shyama



Prof. Swapan Datta welcoming Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I



Smt. Bodhirupa Sinha, Principal, Patha Bhavana School, Visva Bharati University



Students and Teachers of Patha Bhavana, Visva Bharati



During the play

4th December 2015 and 5th December 2015
The Tollygunge Club, Kolkata

JIS - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy
Powered by KPMG, Season-6

It is a popular saying that, "There's no game like golf: you go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies." As far as Golf is concerned, the pleasure of playing the 18 holes far outstrips the "displeasure" of beating the other three in the group! Golf, as a sport, has captured the fancy of teeming millions – men and women, the amateur, the professional, the one with a handicap of 25 or a handicap of 9, the businessman, the bureaucrat and the executive. Truth is, a good round of golf is always a great round of golf.

In keeping with this idea, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized on 4th December 2015 and 5th December 2015, 7.30 a.m. onwards, the sixth edition of the Annual JIS- Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy Powered by KPMG, a golfing extravaganza for corporates, at the Tollygunge Club, Kolkata. We had a very simple objective – providing corporate leaders an opportunity to showcase their skills with the club, meet new players and develop new friendships. Our event was an excellent opportunity for all the keen amateurs not to worry about scores, but just have a lot of fun. Close to 350 golfers participated. Leading city-based corporates participated in the event which was played in a Texas Scramble Format. This year we had the privilege of having as our Chief Guest for the Prize Distribution ceremony on 5th December evening, Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Urban Development and Town and Country Planning and Municipal Affairs,

Government of West Bengal. The renowned Hockey Olympian and Gold Medalist, Shri Gurbux Singh was our Guest of Honour for the celeb tee-off during the Tournament on 4th December.

The overall winner of the "JIS - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy" was the team comprising Mr. Amit Basu, Mr. M Ashok Kumar, Mr. Mayukh Ray and Mr. Prabir Bose. The Corporate winner of "The Bengal Chamber- KPMG Trophy" was J Thomas comprising Mr. Ranjit Singh, Mr. A K Chakraborti, Mr. Gaurav Ghosh and Mr. Anindo Chowdhury. The overall Runners' Up was the team comprising Mr. Rajeev Kesavan, Mr. Kunal Guha, Mr. Siddhartha Bansal and Mr. Manish Dogra, followed by the 2nd Runners' Up Team comprising Mr. Indranil Chakraborty, Mr. Suman Saha, Mr. Sajid Hussain and Mr. Rajiv Bose with the 1st Runners' Up being the team comprising Mr. Rajat Kumar Jain, Mr. Arunagata Das, Mr. Vansh Nagar and Mr. Prashant Jalan. The Longest Drive Ballantine Salver was won by Mr. Soham Daga, and the Closest to the Pin was won by Mr B B Chatterjee.

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Hon'ble Minister Janab Firhad Hakim; Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group; Mr. Piyush Srivastava, Zonal Head - Operation (East Zone, India and Nepal), Pernod Ricard India (P) Ltd. and Mr. Anil Mookerji, CEO, The Tollygunge Club presented the awards. Ms Vandana chopra from KPMG was also present.



Celeb Tee-off by Mr Gurbux Singh, renowned Hockey Olympian and Gold Medalist with Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I & Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I.



L-R: Mr Gurbux Singh, Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, Mr Taranjit Singh, Mr Sutanu Ghosh, Mr S Dhall (Past President of the Bengal Chamber), Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate.



Mr Taranjit Singh, MD, JIS Group during the Inaugural Tee-Off.



JIS - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy Powered by KPMG begins on 4th Dec 2015.



Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Urban Development and Town and Country Planning and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal and Mr Ambarish Dasgupta handing over the Bengal Chamber-KPMG Corporate Winner Trophy to the J Thomas team.

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JIS - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy Powered by KPMG, Season-6

4th December 2015 and 5th December 2015
The Tollygunge Club, Kolkata



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta during the Inaugural Tee-Off.



Janab Firhad Hakim, Mr Ambarish Dasgupta and Mr Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group handing over the JIS Bengal Chamber trophy to the winning team.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I and Mr Anil Mookerji, CEO, Tollygunge Club handing over prizes to the Second Runners' Up team.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta and Mr Piyush Srivastava, Zonal Head - Operation (East Zone, India and Nepal), Pemod Ricard India handing over prizes to the Runners' Up team.



Mr Anil Mookerji and Mr Subhodip Ghosh handing over prizes to the First Runners' Up team.



Mr Soham Daga receiving Longest Drive award from Mr Ambarish Dasgupta and Mr Piyush Srivastava.



Mr B B Chatterjee won the Closest to the Pin award. Mr Ambarish Dasgupta and Mr Piyush Srivastava handed over the prize.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber.

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Powered by KPMG, Season-6**

**4th December 2015 and 5th December 2015
The Tollygunge Club, Kolkata**



Janab Firhad Hakim addressing during the Prize Distribution ceremony.



L-R: Janab Firhad Hakim, Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, Mr Piyush Srivastava, Mr Subhodip Ghosh.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to the Hon'ble Minister.



Mr Subhodip Ghosh commencing the prize distribution ceremony.



Networking begins.



During the evening reception.



The trophies.



Winners of a special contest introduced and conducted by KPMG

15th December 2015, Mainland China Cricket Academy, Vivekananda Park, Kolkata

Friendly Cricket Match Between BCC&I and Jalpaiguri Royals

The Bengal Chamber is supporting in the Bengal Celebrity League, a T20 tournament with 6 teams comprising of players from the entertainment and film industry in Bengal. The Bengal Chamber is the official partner of Jalpaiguri Royals owned by Mr. Arijit Datta, Managing Director, Priya Entertainments Pvt. Ltd. and Chairperson of the Cultural Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

Before the tournament commenced, the Chamber cricket team played a T20 game with the Jalpaiguri Royals at the Mainland China Cricket Academy (at Vivekananda Park) of the renowned cricketer and selector, Mr. Sambaran Banerjee on 15th December 2015.

Mr. Jishu Sengupta and Mr. Prasenjit Chatterjee, well-known actors were present apart from Mr. Arijit Dutta. The match was an absorbing affair with both teams having a centurion on their sides.

Jalpaiguri Royals won the toss and elected to bat first on a placid

wicket. The ball was coming on to the bat free and easy and the batting team started well. After a solid start they lost a couple of wickets in the middle and the wickets started tumbling one after another. Half way down the innings Jalpaiguri Royals were 80 for 6. Then came the seventh wicket partnership that turned the match around. Jalpaiguri skipper Yusuf Chishti and Anirban Aditya added more than hundred with the batting team piling up 213. The last four overs yielded 81 runs. Yusuf ended up scoring an unbeaten 102.

Though the wicket was easy to bat on but chasing a required rate close to 11 runs per over Bengal Chamber lost early wickets and were far from the target till Subir Halder came to the crease. He scored a brilliant ton and took on the chase single handedly. At the end the match went to a cliffhanger where BCC&I ended up scoring 192/8 in their quota of 20 overs.



BCC&I Captain Sambit Dasgupta and Jalpaiguri Royals captain Yusuf Chisti during the toss



Game in progress



Team BCC&I



L-R - Ms. Sukanya Bose exchanging notes with Mr. Prasenjit Chatterjee



Team Jalpaiguri Royals



L-R Mr. Sambaran Banerjee, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Mr. Jayanta Chakravorty, Ms. Sukanya Bose, Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee, MD, Artage

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**Friendly Cricket Match Between BCC&I and
Jalpaiguri Royals**

15th December 2015, Mainland China Cricket
Academy, Vivekananda Park, Kolkata



Game in progress



Mr. Arijit Datta and Mr. Jishu Sengupta in conversation



Mr. Arijit Datta speaking to the media



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh during a press interview



Mr. Prasenjit Chatterjee and Mr. Arijit Datta during their discussion



Team BCC&I Dugout



Ms. Sukanya Bose in conversation with Mr. Arijit Datta and Mr. Jishu Sengupta



The Jalpaiguri Royals dugout

15th December 2015, Mainland China Cricket Academy, Vivekananda Park, Kolkata

Friendly Cricket Match Between BCC&I and Jalpaiguri Royals



Mr. H S Das, Mr Debashish Dutta (noted journalist), Ms Sukanya Bose



Team BCC&I speaking to the media



Team BCC&I Supporters



Team from Bhagirathi Neotia providing first aid



The Centurion, Subir Halder coming back disappointed after his dismissal.



Best Batsman of the Match Subir Halder collecting his medal



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh giving away the goodies



Man of The Match Yusuf Chisti collecting his award from Mr. Sambaran Banerjee

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Friendly Cricket Match Between BCC&I and Jalpaiguri Royals

15th December 2015, Mainland China Cricket Academy, Vivekananda Park, Kolkata



Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha also distributing the goodies



Kuntal Chakraborty grabbed the Best Bowler of the Match award



Mr. Anirban Aditya was adjudged the best fielder of the match



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh shaking hands with Mr. Arijit Datta

2nd April 2016, Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with DTDC limited organized a panel discussion on "The Convergence of Sports and Entertainment" on 2nd April 2016 in the Chamber premises.

The panelists of the session included luminaries like Mr. Sourav Ganguly, legendary cricketer and former captain of Indian Cricket Team and currently the CAB President, Mr. Ian Bishop, former West Indian Fast Bowler and presently commentator and Mr. Deep Dasgupta, former Wicket Keeper Batsman of the Indian Cricket team and a commentator at present. The Panel was moderated by Prof Boria Majumder, sports journalist, author, commentator and also a

The Convergence of "Sports and Entertainment"

cricket historian. Mr. Abhishek Bachchan, Actor, who was also scheduled to be present, sent a short audio message since he could not fly to Kolkata due to illness.

The session focused on perspectives on the evolution of sports business which provides an excellent roadmap to maximizing the benefits and minimizing the pitfalls that arise at the intersection of sports and entertainment. The programme being held on the eve of the T20 Cricket World Cup Final at the Eden Gardens, invariably covered a lot of cricket discussions. The 300 plus strong audience was left mesmerized by the anecdotes shared by the cricketers.



L-R Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I welcoming Mr. Sourav Ganguly.



Mr. Sourav Ganguly and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I during the walkthrough of the Chamber building.

2nd April 2016,
Chamber premises

The Convergence of
"Sports and Entertainment"



Mr. Sourav Ganguly and Mr. Ian Bishop, Former West Indian Cricketer at the ITC Room along with Past President Mr. S Radhakrishnan (standing back right).



Mr. Ian Bishop and Mr. Sourav Ganguly during a discussion at the ITC Room, Chamber premises.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta commencing the programme.



During the interaction.



Mr. Abhishek Bachchan conveyed a message to the audience during the panel discussion. Seated left to right: Mr. Boria Majumder, Sports Historian and moderator of the panel; Mr. Ian Bishop, Mr. Sourav Ganguly, Mr. Deep Dasgupta.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr. Deep Dasgupta.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr. Sourav Ganguly.



Mr. Sourav Ganguly during the panel discussion.

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The Convergence of “Sports and Entertainment”

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Chamber premises



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Mr. Ian Bishop.



The audience, which included corporates, celebrities, Consular Corps, sports personalities and the media.



The audience.



The panel discussion in progress.



The audience.

PROGRAMME

Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes

December 2015,
Chamber Premises

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry had organized a Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes in December, 2015. This was the 3rd batch with more than 25 participants from different sectors. The last two batches were held in 2014. There were 7 days of classes, held on Fridays (4:00 pm – 7:30 pm) and Saturdays (10.00 am – 5:30 pm) on Indirect Taxes (Excise, Customs, GST, Service Tax, CENVAT Credit Rules both Excise / Service Tax, VAT, FTP, Duty Drawback, etc.) under the overall guidance of Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee, BCC&I and & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited. Other faculty members were Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee,

BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP, Mr. Debasish Ghosh, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd, Mr. Mrityunjay Acharjee, AVP (Corp. Tax & Internal Audit), Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Kolkata, Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, M/s JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants and Mr. Anjan Sircar, Consultant- Central Excise, Customs, Service Tax, Sales Tax, VAT and other Indirect Taxes, who are the experts from the industry in taxation matters. This is an extremely relevant training programme for taxation professionals for overall improvement of operational efficiency in their respective organizations. Mostly senior and mid-level executives of different organizations took part in the course.

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Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes. Faculty: Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, M/s JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress. Faculty: Mr. Anjan Sircar, Consultant- Central Excise, Customs, Service Tax, Sales Tax, VAT and other Indirect Taxes



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress. Faculty: Mr. Mrityunjay Acharjee, AVP (Corp. Tax & Internal Audit), Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Kolkata



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty: Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I and & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty: Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty : Mr. Debasish Ghosh, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd



The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Workshop on VAT & Services Tax in Works Contract on 19th February, 2016 at The Park Kolkata. Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone graced the inaugural session.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee. He also deliberated on the importance of works contract in current business scenario where almost all industries are affected by the indirect taxation on works contracts. The inaugural address was given by the Chief Guest, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone. After the inaugural address he launched the Book - 'Issues in Works Contract under Service Tax & VAT: A Comprehensive Technical Guide', written by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee and Mr. Vivek Jalan, Member of the Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber. The publisher, Mr. Masheshwari of Book Corporation also joined in the official launch.

The six technical sessions of the Workshop covered, Works Contract under the Service Tax, Real Estate / Construction Industry under the Service Tax, Works Contract under the WB VAT Act, Comparative Study of Works Contract under various States, GST on Real Estate / Construction, Issues including various Judgments of Courts on Works Contract under VAT & CST. The speakers included Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP, Mr. Vivek Jalan, FCA, JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants, Mr. Avisekh Jaiswal, Sr. Manager - Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young LLP, Mr. M. S. Mani, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited and Mr. Khalid Anwar, Jt. Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal.

The Workshop was attended by close to hundred delegates.



Welcome Address by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd.



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone



Release of Book 'Works Contract under Service Tax & VAT : A Comprehensive Technical Guide' written by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Mr. Vivek Jalan, Member - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. T. B. Chatterjee presenting a memento to the Chief Guest, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson-Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Technical Session in progress : Mr. Vivek Jalan, FCA, JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants

19th February 2016
The Park

Workshop on VAT & Services Tax in Works Contract



Technical Session in progress : Mr. Avisekh Jaiswal, Sr. Manager – Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young LLP



Technical Session in progress : Mr. M S Mani, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited



Technical Session in progress : Mr. Khalid Anwar, Jt. Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal



Q/A Session in progress



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to Mr. Khalid Anwar, Jt. Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal

PROGRAMME

Ease of Doing Business

18th March 2016,
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Interactive Session on “Ease of Doing Business” on 18th March, 2016 in the Chamber premises. Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. Welcome Address was given by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Various issues related to Service Tax were discussed and addressed by Shri Panda. The Interactive Session was attended by more than 60 delegates.



Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone.

18th March 2016,
Chamber Premises

Ease of Doing Business



Interactive Session in progress.



Q/A Session in progress



Interactive Session in progress (L-R): Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Shri S. K. Panda.



Q/A Session in progress.



Mr. T. B. Chatterjee presenting a memento to Shri S. K. Panda.

Seminar on Service Tax

8th July, 2016
The Park, Kolkata

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Seminar on Service Tax on 8th July 2016 at The Park, Kolkata. The inaugural session was graced by Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone and Shri R. K. Mishra, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Service Tax. Welcome address was delivered by Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd.

The technical sessions of the Seminar covered the key trends in Indirect Taxes as a precursor to GST, New Amendments under Finance Act 2016, Recent Developments & Important Court Judgments, Cenvat Credit & Reverse Charge, Exemptions, Negative List & Rules for Place of Provision of

Services, Service Tax on Real Estate Transactions & Works Contract and Other Sectoral Issues in Service Tax including Mining, IT & Software, Leasing, Restaurants & Hotels, Banking & Financial, Intellectual Property, Intermediaries, etc. The speakers included Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd, Mr. P K Saha, Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP, Mr. M S Mani, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited, Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Associate Director - Indirect Tax, KPMG, Mr. Vivek Jalan, FCA, JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants, and Mr. Arun Agarwal-FCA, K N Jain & Co.

8th July, 2016
The Park, Kolkata

Seminar on Service Tax



Dignitaries at the Inaugural Session: Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone; Mr. TB Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd, Shri R. K. Mishra, IRS, Additional Commissioner of Service Tax I



Address by the Chief Guest, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone



Mr. TB Chatterjee presenting a memento to Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Vivek Jalan, FCA, JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Associate Director - Indirect Tax, KPMG



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Arun Agarwal, FCA, K N Jain & Co



Technical Session in progress: Mr. M. S. Mani, Senior Director - Indirect Tax, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited



Audience at the Seminar



Q/A Session in progress

“Think...” with Mr Aroop Zutshi, Global President & Managing Partner, Frost & Sullivan

7th December 2015,
The Palladian Lounge

The Bengal Chamber, nearly 4 years ago started off the “Think” series of lectures, with the intention of providing our members and the audience a forum to listen to eminent personalities on issues of contemporary relevance spanning the economy, business, industry, the social context, issues of national importance and the like. With the quality of Speakers that we have been privileged to have, we hope you will appreciate that your Chamber has been very successful in its efforts.

The Bengal Chamber, presented another THINK Session on Dec 07, 2015 powered by Mastermindz Brandcom in association with The Telegraph with Mr Aroop Zutshi, Global President & Managing Partner, Frost & Sullivan, and the topic was on “Global Mega Trends and Impact on India”

Mr Aroop Zutshi is the Global President & Managing Partner, Frost & Sullivan. He is based in Mountain View California, and sits on the corporate board of Frost & Sullivan Inc. As the Global President & Managing Partner, with over 30 years of experience Mr. Zutshi has been involved in developing the growth strategy for the company. Aside from driving the globalization of Frost & Sullivan, he has also been responsible for Frost & Sullivan’s expansion of business across 43 office locations globally. Besides being responsible for managing Frost & Sullivan, Mr. Zutshi also works with Fortune 500 companies in designing their growth strategies by evaluating new opportunities for growth.

As a global thought leader, Mr Zutshi has been instrumental in facilitating some important initiatives of Govt of India as well as many state governments in Asia, Europe & America.

Mr. Zutshi started with defining Global Mega Trends. Mega Trends are transformative global forces that define the future world with their far reaching impact on business, societies, economies, cultures and personal lives. Indian companies like OLA, Flipkart etc are making global headlines.

Number of connected devices is increasing fast. People are updating

themselves with new things. The Indian Government is expected to generate a huge amount of relevant Big Data (UID & Banking for all). India’s digital economy is on the rise. Digital economy which is now just 1% of the total country’s GDP is expected to grow up to 7% in the near future. Mr. Zutshi stressed the importance of the world of Connectivity and Convergence; laying out a method and strategic roadmap, which can help companies navigate within such a transformational business environment. “Innovation remains the cornerstone of driving sustainable revenue, growth, and our futures; hence companies must focus on not just becoming, but being Visionary Innovators. This will support the development of products to address unmet customer needs and even some of the world’s big global challenges,” remarked Mr. Zutshi. Mr. Zutshi insisted on the point of foresightedness for the enterprises. Indian companies are not lacking much behind compared to other international players. Adaptation and implementation of new technologies will become key to success and give long lasting sustainability to the enterprises. With the advent of new technologies, Indian enterprises are able to connect to a global customer base. Physical boundaries are shrinking and the market size is getting broader day by day.

He also said that smart cities are going to be the future. It is cities and not the countries which will drive Wealth Creation. What is a smart city? Smart city is a combination of Smart Governance, Smart Energy, Smart Building, Smart Mobility, Smart Infrastructure, Smart Technology, Smart Healthcare and Smart Citizen. Another mega trend that Mr. Zutshi mentioned was that of women empowerment. Number of working women has increased many folds. Companies are now making tailor made solutions for women to increase revenue. Banks feel more secure lending money to working class women as compared to their male counterparts, as they have lower probability of default. Studies show that women use their loans more productively. Mr. Zutshi was also very positive about the Prime Minister’s “Make in India” initiative. He also shared his belief and views that a manufacturing led economy can eradicate poverty much faster than a service led economy.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, presenting a memento to Mr. Aroop Zutshi, Global President & Managing Partner, Frost & Sullivan.



Mr. Aroop Zutshi, Global President & Managing Partner, Frost & Sullivan, addressing the audience.

The Bengal Chamber presented another THINK Session on 23rd June 2016, in association with The Telegraph, with Mr. Biji K Kurien, Former Chief Executive – Berger Paints & Former President of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry talking on “People: The Key To Successful Business”.

Biji K. Kurien, a Gold Medalist in the Post Graduate Programme in Business Administration from IIM Ahmedabad, graduated with honours in Electrical Engineering from Sir M. Visvesvariah College of Engineering Bangalore, and is a veritable storehouse of experience and knowledge in industry, business and management. His interests include Public Speaking and Management Teaching.

Mr. Kurien started off the session by mentioning that the business magazines and newspapers generally attribute ‘Technology’, ‘Fund Raising’, ‘Cash Flow’, ‘Scaling up of Operations’ & tend to avoid ‘People’ as a key to Successful Businesses. He laid stress on the word ‘People’ as he feels that we must all realize that ‘People’ or ‘Employees’ are the key to successful business. He explained his statement with a classic example of ‘Calling a Customer Care’ helpline & the experience that a customer gathers through this process & how the brand gets affected if the customer is not satisfied with the response.

Merely satisfying customers is not enough but the organization has to constantly add to customers’ delight & that is ensured by the employees / people & therefore the employees or ‘People’ are the key to any business. He believes that Happy & Motivated Employees generate delighted customers & delighted customers are the backbone of successful businesses. Employees’ self-interest must be aligned to the company’s objective of business generation; only then it’s a Win-Win situation.

He cited instances of how good & bad customer experiences affect the goodwill of the company / brand. He talked about the importance of employer empowerment. He added that, back offices are fully responsible to adhere to the promises made by the Sales Officers & to ensure that both the departments need to work in sync with each other as otherwise Customer Service suffers and the company’s objective is not fulfilled. Customer Service Departments should not work in silos.

He summarized the session and said that an employee’s self-interest must match with the organization’s interest in order to delight the customer and that the employees need to be properly empowered at every level so that they are able to take action to please the customer without any delay.



Mr. Biji K Kurien addressing the audience as Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate of The Bengal Chamber, looks on



Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber, felicitating Mr Kurien with a memento.

PROGRAMME

Travel and Tourism Delegation to Thimphu, Bhutan

16th-19th September 2015

The Bengal Chamber took along a 14 member Travel & Tourism delegation to Bhutan between September 16 – 19, 2015 to Thimphu in Bhutan, as a part of “Indo Bhutan Tourism Initiative” which was organized jointly by Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

For Bhutan the visit was of great importance as it came at a time when a lot of initiatives were being planned in the country and also in the region. Though Bhutan & India enjoy the best of bilateral relations, but as our closest neighbour, the relation between Bhutan and our State Government and the people assumes equal or more importance. While West Bengal is a very important trade hub for Bhutan, it is imperative that we also explore how Bhutan can be as equally important to West Bengal.

Tourism is one of the key areas that readily comes to mind, when we talk of Indo Bhutan relationship. Much has been said about the vast potential of the Indo Bhutan tourism market. We are already seeing this today. Although high-end tourism from India is already occurring, most of it has been from Mumbai. West Bengal would be an even closer source for tourism.

At an interactive session with major Tourism players in Bhutan, The Bengal Chamber's Tourism Committee, as a part of “Indo Bhutan

Tourism Initiative”, proposed for the introduction of e-permits for Indian tourists visiting Bhutan. Making provisions for seeking permits online will remove a major road block for Indian tourists going to some of the more picturesque places in Bhutan, was a view mooted by The Chamber. This proposal was mooted by BCC&I as foreign tourists from other countries do not need separate permits to enter such restricted zones.

Home to some of the most beautiful and exotic locales, Bhutan drew 133,000 visitors from across the globe last year, with about 87000 of them being Indians. Easing out the processes for Indians will further benefit and facilitate Indian tourists going to Bhutan was a view echoed by the Tourism delegation. For a landlocked country like Bhutan, the transport corridor will open connectivity with Bangladesh through India, which can boost trade and commerce. This will also give to the people of Bhutan greater access to healthcare and education opportunities in Bengal and beyond and flourish tourism opportunities.

The Conclave was addressed by Mr Lyonpo Ngeema Sangay Tshempo, Minister for Labour & Human Resources, Government of Bhutan, Mr. Gautam Bambawale, Indian Ambassador to Bhutan, Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha – Director, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Anil Punjabi, Chairman, Travel Agents Federation of India.



A part of the Bengal Chamber delegation at the Conclave.



The delegation, with Mr Lyonpo Ngeema Sangay Tshempo, Minister for Labour & Human Resources, Government of Bhutan, Mr. Gautam Bambawale, Indian Ambassador to Bhutan

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized “An interaction with Mr. Jagat Shah on “Innovative approaches to Make in India for SMEs to connect to the global market” followed by a Workshop on “How to monetize an app finding a publisher/investor to go global” on 18th December 2015 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Chamber premises.

Guest speakers of this workshop were Mr. Jagat Shah (Foreign Representative of Govt. of Manitoba, Canada in India and Founder cum President & Chief Mentor of Global Network) and Mr. Arijit Bhattacharyya (Founder & CEO - Virtualinfocom).

Mr. Jagat Shah explained about Ease of Doing Business, 10 strategies of business and the business opportunities for small and medium scale industries in India. He also explained how to improve production processes, technology upgradation, HR best practices, to access to cheaper sources of finance & international market access for SMEs.

Interaction and Workshop

Mr Arijit Bhattacharyya conducted a workshop on “How to monetize an app finding a publisher/investor to go global”. The key topics of the workshop were:-

- What is app publishing and how to get a good business publisher
- Publishing app in various country level store
- Giving license of your games globally
- Making money is an art in app business
- Protecting data (app) security system so that money can be saved
- How to get an investor for app development

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Interaction and Workshop



Mr. Sourabh Bhaumik (MD & CEO - Ultimate Digital Solutions Pvt. Ltd) delivering his Welcome Address.



Mr. Arijit Bhattacharyya (Founder & CEO, Virtualinfocom) presenting memento to Mr. Jagat Shah (Foreign Representative of Government of Manitoba, Canada in India).



Mr. Jagat Shah (Foreign Representative of Government of Manitoba, Canada in India) delivering his views during the session.



Mr. Arijit Bhattacharyya (Founder & CEO, Virtualinfocom) conducting the workshop

PROGRAMME

10th June 2016,
Chamber Premises

Workshop on Export & Import Documentation & Procedures and Important Customs Provisions

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with a special focus on Foreign Trade, has been organizing workshops for the last few years to spread awareness on the various facets of international trade and to facilitate the EXIM community. We have also organized seminars & B2B meetings focusing on regions like GCC, Eurasia and South East Asia.

The Bengal Chamber also being keen to be the forum for advocacy and to be the preferred networking platform for the EXIM Community & the Government, has recently constituted an International Trade Cell, chaired by Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, President - Business Development, Techno Electric & Engineering Co. Ltd. The International Trade Cell, with the objective of updating exporters on the various policy changes and for enabling an in-depth

knowledge on the subject, organized a workshop on "Export & Import Documentation & Procedures and Important Customs Provisions" on 10th June 2016.

The workshop was attended by various corporates like TMILL, Century Ply, Balmer Lawrie, Exide Industries Ltd. and others. The workshop covered various kinds of Export & Import documentation and procedures of Import and Customs provisions in detail.

Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. and EXIM Institute (A Division of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd.), Mumbai & Partner of Generation Next Business Consulting was the faculty. He is also a renowned consultant and advisor to many National & Multinational Corporations, Commercial Banks etc.

PROGRAMME

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Workshop on Export & Import Documentation & Procedures and Important Customs Provisions



During the start of the Workshop. Picture showing Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Chairman, International Trade Cell (head of the table, left) & Mr. Sudhakar Kasture (head of the table, centre), faculty of the workshop along with the participants



Ms. Tania Chakraborty from the Secretariat welcoming Mr. Ardhendu Mandal to introduce the newly formed International Trade Cell to the participants



Participants during the workshop



PROGRAMME

Insurance Awareness Workshop

7th July, 2016
Midnapore

BCC&I and District Chamber of Commerce along with Exide Life organized an Insurance Awareness workshop at Midnapore on 7th July 2016. The workshop witnessed the participation of over 40 delegates from across the Midnapore region and the interaction brought forth a plethora of crucial information, which traders and businesses in the districts should be aware of regarding the most important subject of insurance. The programme was held as part of the Bengal Chamber's outreach plans to engage more and more with the Districts and businesses therein.



Mr. Amab Chakraborty, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber explaining the concepts. The senior executive from Exide Life is to the left of Amab

PROGRAMME

12th October 2015,
Chamber Premises

Media Meet with Office Bearers of the Bengal Chamber

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President and Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President addressed the traditional Press Conference following every AGM on 12th October 2015 in the Chamber.

Mr. Dasgupta briefed the members of the media about the focus areas of the Chamber this year being, Agriculture, Health, MSMEs and Skills. He also mentioned that activities in the Tourism Sector would be focused on with special emphasis on developing Buddhist Tourism. The Chamber would be more involved in research-based work. The idea was to help the State in pre-identified fundamental areas/projects concerning economic development issues in which the Chamber, with its members and partners, would provide domain

knowledge inputs through research. The Chamber would also work with key players in the entertainment industry and address the growth concerns. The President also briefed the media about the upcoming office in Siliguri, which was being set up with the focus on enhancing the Chamber's business enabling activities in North Bengal, the Gateway to North East India and Eastern & South Eastern Asia. An update on the progress and upcoming e-auction for Samriddhi - Kalyani Analytics City, which was ideated and driven by the Chamber, was provided by the President. Mr. C S Ghosh spoke about, amongst other things, the significant role of media in bringing financial inclusion in the State.

12th October 2015,
Chamber Premises

Media Meet with Office Bearers of the Bengal Chamber



(L-R) Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President and Mr. C. S. Ghosh, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber.



Press Conference in progress.



Press Conference in progress.

12th October 2015,
Chamber Premises

Interaction with Mr. Olaf Iversen, Consul General of Germany in Kolkata

Mr. Olaf Iversen, the new Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, who had very kindly accepted the Chamber's invitation for an interactive session with the Managing Committee Members, was introduced by the President, Mr Ambarish Dasgupta. Mr Iversen was happy to be back in Kolkata after 37 years having been posted here earlier from 1978 to 1981. His previous posting before taking charge at Kolkata had been as Deputy Head of Mission at Copenhagen.

Mr Iversen said that he was happy to be in Kolkata for his second tenure here and was looking forward to working here in the years to come. Stating that he was specially happy to be at the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, he mentioned that Germany today is very much dependent on trade and commerce. Germany's imports and exports account for almost half of the country's GDP. Germany enjoys good trade relations with not only Europe but with the entire world. Trade with India has grown substantially over the last 10 years. In value terms, there has been a 100% growth. India is importing machinery, vehicles and chemicals from Germany. Mr Iversen agreed with Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's view that Indo-German trade had huge potential and will grow in the years to come. The current figure of Indo-German Trade said to be to the tune of 16 billion Euros in 2014 is still less than 1% of total German Trade. Germany's trade has been more with Europe and China but he was sure that 2015 will see India among the top 20 countries engaged in trade and commerce with Germany.

Speaking about investments, Mr Iversen said that there would be large investments from Germany in the near future in India not only in large but also in medium sized industries, considering the growing population in India and its huge market potential. He was happy that the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Germany had surely substantiated the reach and extent of opportunities in India. While German investors are looking more towards the Western part of India, particularly Mumbai, he was keen that trade and commerce with the Eastern part of India, particularly in the Kolkata region grew.

During the Q/A, several interesting points came up. A proposal was made for a food festival in collaboration with Indian entrepreneurs in line with the Cologne Food Fair. Mr Iversen agreed that the Cologne fair was a very important trade fair and can help in developing B2B contacts. A proposal in this respect can be considered with the help of the Indian Embassy. The German Consul General's support for re-starting Lufthansa Airways from Kolkata was sought. It was felt that this would open up the gateway to Europe for entrepreneurs and business travelers from the Eastern part of India and will surely be an important step for exchange of business between medium and small scale sectors of both countries. With direct connectivity in place there is a potential for agro products to reach out to a large section of customers at the super marts of Europe from Kolkata. Mr Iversen stated that although Lufthansa is no longer Government owned, commercial viability can of course be considered on receipt of a proposal.

The Bengal Chamber Partnering VCAN “Make IT Accessible”

28th November 2015, Royal Bombay Yacht Club
Mumbai

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry made its footprint in Mumbai with the first outreach programme partnering VCAN in organizing the session on “Make IT Accessible” in support of the Government of India’s “Accessible India Campaign” with ICT as a Focus on 28th November 2015.

It was a Discussion Forum which was held at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club. This was a unique initiative of the Chamber also in terms of the technology used for organizing the programme. The entire proceeding was streamed live for the benefit of reaching out to the online audience. The programme also connected two locations together- senior level delegates who were present in the Chamber in Kolkata participated in the interaction through Google hangout.

Our objective as Societal Organization was to address the issue of Inclusive Accessibility of the built infrastructure, transportation, public utilities and other objects of public use for the citizens by focusing on the leveraging of the Digital Interface. We addressed the issue of Inclusive Accessibility in terms of built environment, infrastructure, conduct audits to determine the gap analysis, and to assist in the conciliatory measures to achieve the desired standards.

The Chamber submitted a Preliminary Report on the subject at the programme. Through the use of its Web Platform and Social Sanchar, VCAN would disseminate Audit findings and Recommendations, including inputs from the Chamber, to Citizens across the Social Spectrum.

Dr. Emmanuelle Savarit, Founder, Analyse-Concept Ltd. (London) was the Keynote Speaker. The Panel included:

- Shri Vijay Kumar Gautam , Principal Secretary II, Government of Maharashtra
- Shri S. V. R. Srinivas, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai
- Smt. Mary Behlihomji, Chairperson, Central Society for the Education of the Deaf
- Prof. Mrs. Asha Bhatia, Chairperson, Enactus Somaiya Social Cell K.J. Somaiya Institute of Management Studies & Research
- Shri A. V. Suresh, President International Operations & CEO Forbes Professional, Eureka Forbes Ltd.

Shri V. Ranganathan, Trustee, VCAN and Former Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra was the Moderator. Smt. Indrani Malkani,

Managing Trustee, VCAN anchored the programme including the Interactive Session.

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Emerging Areas and Energy and Environment Committees of BCC&I concluded the programme with a Vote of Thanks. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director were in Mumbai to attend the programme.

Among the senior members who participated in the interaction from Kolkata were:

- Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber
- Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, Emerging Technologies Committee and Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber
- Mr. N K Ghosal, Director, NKG & Associates and Member, Emerging Technologies Committee, The Bengal Chamber
- Mr. Shubhabrata Som, Director, DFIC - Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Member, Emerging Technologies Committee, The Bengal Chamber
- Mr. Suman Lahiri, Independent Consultant and Member, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber



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20th December 2015
The Bengal Club

Exclusive Dialogue with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Art of Living Foundation

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Exclusive Dialogue with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar for Decision Makers and Thought Leaders on 20th December 2015 in Bengal Club.

A very niche audience of only the decision makers in the corporates was invited. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar connected with the audience and

interacted with them on managing perpetual change which is intrinsic to decision making in today’s business. It was a unique experience learning from Sri Sri Ravi Shankar about the real role of executive leadership, which is not about driving people to change but creating an organizational environment that inspires the imagination and initiative that exists throughout the organization. The programme concluded with a half an hour meditation session.

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The Bengal Club

Exclusive Dialogue with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Art of Living Foundation



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address.



The Select Audience.



Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar interacting with the audience.



Mr. Anirudhha Lahiri, Past President, The Bengal Chamber, who moderated the session, presenting a memento to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

PROGRAMME

Interaction with Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal

23rd February 2016
Chamber Premises

Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, very kindly accepted the Chamber's invitation for an interactive session with members of its Managing Committee. The Members of the Chamber was privileged to felicitate Shri Banerjee on the occasion. In his address Shri Banerjee, in an encouraging note, spoke about the Government's commitment to change and improve initiatives towards industry, infrastructure development, tourism, skill development and issues concerning the unorganized sector in the State. His talk was followed by an invigorating Q&A Session.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President of the Chamber felicitating Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate is on the right of Shri Banerjee.



Members of the Managing Committee interacting with the Chief Secretary.



Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, addressing the MC Members.



The meeting in progress.