



IN TECHNOLOGY SPACE

HIGHLIGHTS—
SEPTEMBER 2022–23





The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry is deeply connected with the tech industry with vibrant initiatives. The Chamber's annual signature Business IT Conclave (BITC), over the years, brings together technology providers, users, academia, startups, incubators, policy makers and other stakeholders of technology to share applications, disseminate knowledge on cutting edge technologies, network and exchange dialogues for collaborations.

THE 14TH EDITION OF BITC WAS HELD ON 30TH JUNE 2023, FOCUSING ON "CONNECTED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES- TRANSFORMING BUSINESS AND COMPETITION."

Session Highlights:

- ✿ **Generative AI: Deciphering the new artificial intelligence**
- ✿ **Robotics and automation**
- ✿ **Security: What's next beyond NESSUS?**
- ✿ **Smart and Connected Ecosystem**

Apart from discussions during the seminar, B2B meetings took place at the Conclave. The forum also offered students to showcase their innovations.

Senior industry leaders joined the programme from US, Japan, Bangladesh and also other cities of the country. Speakers and other senior representatives of IT companies, who were associated with the programme, came to Kolkata for this programme from Pune, Bengaluru, Gurgaon, Chennai, Mumbai.

We are also working closely with Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) to facilitate bilateral business opportunities in technology space.

- ✿ B2G Meetings were organized between BASIS, Zensar Technologies and MSTC Limited with Information Technology and Electronics Department, Government of West Bengal.
- ✿ MSTC Limited has also been connected with BASIS with an aim to explore business opportunities in Bangladesh.




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present
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Unfolding the Momentum of Investors and Startups

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Richmond Road
Bengaluru

We set our foot in Technology Capital curating “Tech-E Summit” focusing on “Unfolding the Momentum of Investors and Startups”.

SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO, HON'BLE MINISTER-IN-CHARGE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TRAVELLED TO BENGALURU TO SHOWCASE THE STARTUPS FROM BENGAL TO VCs AND BRIDGE THE TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS BETWEEN BENGAL AND KARNATAKA.

Select Startups from Bengal were showcased and connected with VCs and Angel Investors from Kolkata, Bengaluru and Mumbai. The programme also created a forum for Startups and Entrepreneurs from Bengal and Karnataka to discuss possible areas of collaborations and connect with the Investors.

Government of Karnataka was represented by:

- ❁ **Dr. E.V. Ramana Reddy, IAS – Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Electronics Information Technology Biotechnology and Science & Technology.**
- ❁ **Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission**

Following the programme, the Chamber has received collaboration offers from various entities including banks and legal firms for supporting technology Startup Ecosystem.

Session Highlights:

- ❁ **What the investors look into**
- ❁ **Growth Blueprint for Startups**
- ❁ **Role of incubators in the success of startups**
- ❁ **Tech Entrepreneurs: Stories of Home-Grown Entrepreneurship Ventures with International Footprints**
- ❁ **Technology Research and Opportunities for Start Ups**





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WEBEL- BCC&i Tech Incubation Centre" was set up by The Bengal Chamber with WEBEL , under the aegis of IT &E Department, Government of West Bengal , to create an ecosystem to foster, support innovations and knowledge-based entrepreneurship in Bengal and to provide an environment to translate knowledge and innovation into creation of successful technology entrepreneurs.

The Incubation Centre provides Mentorship support to the incubatees by Chamber's Senior Members and Stakeholders on the domain knowledge and other ancillary areas of business-like Finance & Taxation, Compliance, Legal & IPR. Viable business propositions are also connected with potential financiers and collaborators.

B2B meetings, VC Connects and connects with large industries, overseas agencies are done regularly.

Since inception in 2019, we have incubated a total of 70+ Start-ups. Some of them have achieved major milestones being commercialized and accelerated.

- ❁ One of the incubatees has been recognized by DBT-BIRAC Start Up Expo 2022 for their pioneering product of oxygen manufacturing. They were also connected with Bangladeshi partners for technology transfer after being showcased in "International Health and Wellness Expo 2022" at Chittagong in September 2022 by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- ❁ Another incubatee was identified for producing honey from the AI enabled bee corridor at Eco Park, Newtown – a project awarded to them by HIDCO Ltd. This leads to organic honey production which may further generate local livelihood.
- ❁ An Agri-Tech Startup has received fund from Bandhan Konnagar (CSR implementing organisation of Bandhan Bank Ltd.) for their Agri-Tech Project. The IOT Agritech Model may also provide alternative livelihood for farmers in carbon market by creating carbon sink.

Select incubatees are provided networking platform in various programmes of the Chamber across the countries and also in Bangladesh.







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PINK IT FOR THE WOMEN
IT PROFESSIONALS

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3rd March 2023 4:30 pm onwards
at Five Mad Men, Sec V, Kolkata

Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) is a major focus of technology centric initiatives of The Bengal Chamber.

Our “PINK IT” is a forum for women IT Professionals and IT Entrepreneurs. The 2nd Edition was held on 3rd March 2023 in Kolkata.

The focus is to engage them in collaborative discussions towards achieving leadership focusing on possible ways of overcoming similar challenges they face.

