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Theme: 'Indo-Pacific Cooperation: Towards
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Kolkata

Tentative Agenda

Theme – “Indo-Pacific Cooperation: Towards New Horizons of Maritime Partnership.”

DAY 1: AGENDA

Sub-Theme: “Indo-Pacific Cooperation: Towards New Horizons of Maritime, International Trade, Tariffs & Partnerships”

18th September, 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises, Kolkata

Tentative Programme

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| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Guests' arrival and Tea/Coffee | |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. | 5 minutes video of BCC&I's the year that was.... | |
| Inaugural Session Session Convenor and Moderator: Dr. Meera Mitra , Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I and Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business | | |
| 3:05 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. | Opening Address | Mr. Arnab Basu , President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd |
| 3:10 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Setting the Context | Shri A. Ajay Kumar , Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India |
| 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Keynote Address | Shri Rajesh Pandey , IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME & T), Government of West Bengal |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Special Address I | H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa , High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of India, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi |
| 3:45 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. | Special Address II | Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey , Secretary General, BIMSTEC |
| 3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Concluding Remarks | Mr. Abhijit Roy , President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. | Changeover | |
| 4:05 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. | Special Address | Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri , Former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Luxembourg, Belgium and European Union |

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Special Session I

Theme: Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade: Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future

Points of Discussion:

- **India's Indo-Pacific Trade Vision** – Strengthening trade agreements, Act East Policy, and regional economic partnerships.
- **Maritime Trade Corridors & Infrastructure** – Enhancing connectivity through Sagarmala, IMEC, and key Indo-Pacific routes.
- **Digital Transformation in Trade** – Leveraging AI, blockchain, and fintech for seamless cross-border commerce.
- **Supply Chain Resilience & Security** – Ensuring stability through diversification, regional cooperation, and secure logistics.
- **Sustainable & Green Maritime Trade** – Advancing decarbonization, green ports, and eco-friendly shipping initiatives.

4:20 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

- **Mr. R. Srinivasa Naik**, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Customs
- **Mr. Navanit Narayan**, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
- **Commodore Sujeet Samaddar**, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- **Mr. S. Ramakrishna**, Director, Balaji Mariline Pvt. Ltd. & Advisor, FFFAI
- **Shri R. Rajhans**, Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA)

Session Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I

5:10 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Changeover

Special Session II

Building bridges in the Indo Pacific – catalysing business connects in South East Asia

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Mr. Aung Aung Myo Thein**, Myanmar Consulate-General in Kolkata
- **Mr. Indronil Sengupta**, Former Chairman, Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)
- **Dato Ramesh Kodammal**, Chairman, ASEAN India Economic Council (AIEC), Malaysia
- **Mr. Johnny Chotrani**, Chairman, Philippines- India Business Council
- **Mr. Marshal Rathour**, Director, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI)

Session Moderator:

Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Co-Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I

6:00 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

Closing by BCC&I

6:05 p.m. onwards

Networking High Tea for Delegates

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Day 2: AGENDA

Sub-Theme: "Innovation and Sustainability in Indo-Pacific Ecosystem"

19th September, 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises, Kolkata

Tentative Programme

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| 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Registration and Networking Tea / Coffee | |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Guests to be Seated | |
| Inaugural Session | | |
| Session Convenor and Moderator: Mr. Abhijit Roy , President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. | | |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. | Welcome Address | Mr. Arnab Basu , President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. |
| 10:35 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. | Keynote Address | Shri A. Ajay Kumar , Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India |
| 10:55 p.m. – 11:25 p.m. | Address by Chief Guest | Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran , Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India |
| 11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Summing Up | Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri , Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. | Changeover | |
| Special Session III | | |
| Theme: "Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific" | | |

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| 11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ishikawa Yoshihisa, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata • Dr. Bradley Jensen Murg, Senior Advisor and Distinguished Senior Research Fellow, Cambodia Institute for International Cooperation and Peace (CICP) & Provost, VR for Academic Affairs, Paragon International University • Dr. Satish C Mishra, Founder and Executive Director, Arthashastra Institute, Bali, Indonesia • Dr. Mridul Saggur, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode • Mr. Rahul Mazumdar, Deputy General Manager, Research & Analysis Group, Exim Bank <p>Session Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP, Former Head of Management Consulting, KPMG India and Former Head of Consulting, PwC India</p> | |
| 12:25 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Changeover | |
| 12:30 p.m. – 12:55 p.m. | <p>Fireside Chat – Strengthening Cooperation in The Bay of Bengal Region.</p> | <p>Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC</p> <p>in conversation with</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Co-Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I</p> |
| 12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Changeover | |
| <p>Special Session IV</p> <p>Theme: “Pioneering the Future – Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem”</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technological Innovations in Maritime Trade – Role of AI, blockchain, and IoT in enhancing efficiency, security, and logistics in Indo-Pacific shipping networks. • Sustainable Industrial Growth & Circular Economy – Promoting resource efficiency, waste reduction, and renewable energy adoption in key industries to drive long-term economic growth. • Green Investment & Financing for Sustainable Development – Role of ESG funding, green bonds, and climate finance in supporting sustainable infrastructure and innovation. • Indo-Pacific Cooperation in Trade amidst global Geo-Political turmoil • Indo-Pacific Cooperation in Tariffs for Inclusive Development | | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. | Special Address | Shri. Atul Bagai , IAS (Retd.), Former Head, United Nations Environment Programme Country Office, India and Chairman, Network |

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| | | for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) |
| 1:10 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER • Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, South-Asia Lead for Climate Advisory, International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group • Mr. RVN Vishweshwar, Director (Finance), Hindustan Copper Ltd. • Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, Kolkata Regional Office, Exim Bank • Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, Professor & Co-Editor, Foreign Trade Review, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata • Sri Rajneesh Kumar, DGM SME, SBI <p>Session Moderator: Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Member Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I</p> | |
| 1:55 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks | BCC&I |
| 2:00 p.m. onwards | Changeover to The Bengal Chamber AGM (For BCC&I Members) | |
| 2:00 p.m. onwards | Networking Lunch for Guests | |

**Bold indicates names of confirmed speakers

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