



*from the desk of the*  
**PRESIDENT**

*Dear Member,*

Subho Naboborsho!

Global economic activity is picking up with a long-awaited cyclical recovery in investment, manufacturing, and trade. As per IMF, world growth is expected to rise from 3.1 percent in 2016 to 3.5 percent in 2017 and 3.6 percent in 2018. Stronger activity, expectations of more robust global demand, reduced deflationary pressures, and optimistic financial markets are all upside developments. But structural impediments to a stronger recovery and a balance of risks that remains tilted to the downside, especially over the medium term, remain important challenges.

Recent data corroborate early signals that the global economy started 2017 on a solid footing. Global GDP likely expanded 2.8% annually in Q1, matching Q4's result, according to the data available. The underlying economic story remains largely the same, with the emerging markets gradually recovering on the back of a pick-up in global demand and higher commodity prices, while advanced economies are generally benefiting from resilient domestic demand.

On the domestic front, monthly data suggest that the economy ended the fiscal year on a soft note in the final quarter, after growth surprised on the upside in Q3 FY 2016-17. Industrial production dropped in February and the manufacturing and services PMIs came in at low levels throughout the quarter.

However, the PMIs picked up in March, suggesting that economic activity is improving after demonetization-related cash shortages in earlier months. Meanwhile, the country's most significant tax reform in decades cleared more hoops at the start of April as key legislation related to the GST reform was approved in Parliament. Additional legislation still needs to be passed by the State Assemblies and specific tax rates set before the targeted 1 July rollout date.

The last couple of months witnessed some wide-ranging activities organised by the Chamber which would have long-term impacts on the socio-economic canvas of the State in particular and the Eastern part of the country in general. The eclectic bouquet of events and activities has been presented in the Newsletter.

In the coming months your Chamber will continue with its relentless efforts towards supporting the Government in its development initiatives and playing a meaningful role for industry and trade in the region. In this context and in the process, the Chamber would be offering an interesting and relevant range of events, programmes and projects.

Sd/-

**Sutanu Ghosh**  
President

NEWS FLASH



The Bengal Chamber and Saviourites Hospitality (a much-loved and trusted hospitality service provider of the City) have come together and commenced operations of The Bengal Lounge since April 4th 2017.

The Bengal Lounge is located on the third level of the Chamber's "Royal Exchange" building, which is a landmark in Kolkata's Central Business District. Plans are to constantly engage members of the Chamber and their guests to use this facility & services, which have been dedicated to our members, guests and stakeholders.

The Bengal Lounge was launched on 2nd April 2017 with a spectacular cultural evening, which included a most memorable recital by Pandit Bickram Ghosh, eminent percussionist and his two-member band of musicians. The cultural programme was followed by a gala Reception at the Lounge hosted by Saviourites.

## NEWS FLASH



▲ (Left) Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce unveiling the new menu of "The Bengal Lounge" with Mr. S Ramani, Managing Partner, Savourites.

▼ Pandit Bickram Ghosh, eminent tabla player and percussionist performing with his band on the occasion of the launch of "The Bengal Lounge".



## NEWS FLASH

▲ Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, accompanied by Ms. Angana Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Director and Mr. Nishith Jayant Verma, Resident Director of the Chamber in Delhi meets General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India at his office in South Block, New Delhi, on 31st March 2017.

## MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Anudip Foundation For Social Welfare, Pradhan Relocations Pvt. Ltd. and Techno India University WB whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## PROGRAMME

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON "WOMEN EMPOWERMENT : BELIEFS AND BALANCES",**

**6TH MARCH 2017  
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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry jointly with Presidency Alumni Association organized a Panel Discussion on **"Women Empowerment: Beliefs and Balances"** on 6th March 2017 from 5:30 p.m. at the Williamson Magor Hall of the Bengal Chamber premises on the occasion of the International Women's Day.

Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber and Prof Prasanta Roy, Vice-President, Presidency Alumni Association welcomed everyone present. Mr Sutanu Ghosh led the discussions forward by delivering the theme address and highlighted the various facets of empowerment following which the panel discussion commenced. The eminent panelists



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**PANEL DISCUSSION ON “WOMEN EMPOWERMENT :  
BELIEFS AND BALANCES”**

included Smt Shamlu Dudeja, Founder of SHE Foundation; Smt Alokanda Roy, Eminent Danseuse; Mr Dibyaloke Rai Chaudhuri, Acid Survivors Foundation, India along with Survivor, Smt Moyna Pramanik; Smt Swati Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, South Asian Women in Media, India & Senior Assistant Editor, Anandabazar Patrika and Smt Monideepa Banerjee, Resident Editor, NDTV India, who was the Moderator.



(L-R): Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering inaugural address; Prof. Prasanta Roy, Vice-President, Presidency Alumni Association; Smt. Shamlu Dudeja, Founder of SHE Foundation; Smt. Monideepa Banerjee, Resident Editor, NDTV India; Smt. Alokanda Roy, Eminent Danseuse; Mr. Dibyaloke Rai Chaudhuri, Acid Survivors Foundation, India; Smt. Swati Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, South Asian Women in Media, India & Senior Assistant Editor, Anandabazar Patrika and Dr. Bivas Chaudhuri, Secretary, Presidency Alumni Association.

The Chamber, for the very first time, at the same platform, joined hands with the Acid Survivors Foundation, India and took a pledge to work together.



Smt. Shamlu Dudeja, Founder of SHE Foundation delivering her address; Smt. Monideepa Banerjee, Resident Editor, NDTV India, Moderator of the Panel Discussion.



Prof Prasanta Roy, Vice-President, Presidency Alumni Association delivering the welcome address.



Ms. Swati Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, South Asian Women in Media, India & Senior Assistant Editor, Anandabazar Patrika during the panel discussion.



Dr. Bivas Chaudhuri, Secretary, Presidency Alumni Association during his address.



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(Left) Smt Monideepa Banerjee, Resident Editor, NDTV India and Smt. Alokanda Roy during the discussion.



Smt. Monideepa Banerjee, Resident Editor, NDTV India, with Acid Survivors Foundation, India, Survivor Smt Moyna Pramanik sharing her story. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber sharing the stage.



Acid attack survivor Smt. Moyna Pramanik sharing her story.



Section of the audience.



Mr. Dibyaloke Rai Chaudhuri, Acid Survivors Foundation, India, during the session.



During the interactive session.



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TALK ON,  
"THE THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS"

The Bengal Chamber organized an Interactive Session with Mr Rami Goldratt on 7th March 2017 at The Chamber premises. Currently serving as the CEO of Goldratt Group, Mr Rami Goldratt, over the years, has been involved in consulting assignments with global companies spanning Retail, Healthcare, Automobiles, Chemicals, Textiles, etc.

His father, the late Dr. Eliyahu Goldratt shot into the global spotlight with "The Goal", a book that launched the Theory of Constraints (TOC) into the world. Rami Goldratt continues his father's work by helping companies improve their response time to the market using TOC as a systems management tool. India is the second biggest centre for Goldratt Consulting and he makes sure he keeps his finger on the pulse of the country, coming down once every few months. Mr. Goldratt was in Pune recently to conduct a session on breakthrough innovation using TOC at the Tata Management and Training Centre constantly designing solutions to the new challenges companies are facing and using TOC in a VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world. In a business session with senior Chamber members, Mr Goldratt shared his experiences across various Industry verticals.

He took the consumer goods industry and uncertainty as the essential point of departure, and spoke of the need to forecast the sales of a certain product in a certain place at a certain time. Based on this, he said, the operations leaders would know how much to produce. One would expect that over time the ability to make an accurate forecast would improve with more information on recorded consumption and more sophisticated IT tools but reality shows that it is exactly the opposite — it is getting worse. More and more surpluses and shortages keep making the supply chains unwieldy. This is because there are three dynamics in consumer behaviour

that make it almost impossible to predict accurately. The first is that consumers are becoming more sensitive to get the products they want and this puts pressure on retailers to work with wider assortments; else they will lose sales. The wider the assortment, the harder it is to have a good forecast of what will sell because the company will stock more units and managing the depth of this inventory becomes difficult. The second is consumer tolerance. Consumers are willing to wait less and less for the product to become available which means that retailers need to have it in the stores and not in the warehouse. Finally, product life is becoming shorter with new products constantly being introduced and retailers needing to offer discounts to sell the older version. This puts a lot of pressure on brands. Unless the new launch is a star product like the iPhone, there will be a clash between old and new offerings. All this makes the ability to forecast and have the right inventory impossible. The only way for companies to survive is to reduce the reaction time to market since it's impossible to have an accurate forecast. One needs to capture signals from reality of what is selling and react to it as fast as possible. Companies that cannot dramatically improve response times will not exist in the future. Earlier having a fast response time was a luxury; now it's a necessity. TOC removes operational constraints that block the flow and improve response times, whether in marketing, operations or production.

The main constraint is often policy driven. What typically increases response times is working with bigger batches. In procurement if one waits longer before placing an order, response time would naturally increase. However, companies want to accumulate all orders to get a good deal. What they do not notice is that every such incident increases their response time. This one major constraint is hurting the flow.



Participants at the Interactive Session.



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So, how does one manage the constraints once they are identified? Mr. Goldratt further added that the major obstacle to flow causing project delays happens not in the execution, but the planning stage. When setting timelines, people will give an extended buffer – typically 50% – to be reliable. The problem is that people end up using this buffer period whether they need it or not, and are likely to overshoot it as issues crop up towards the end. A project is a chain of tasks and to ensure that it finishes on time, the project manager needs to make sure each task finishes on time. One has to take the individual 'safety' out of the equation and use it as part of the overall project buffer.

In engineering companies, the important thing is how to provide better value to clients by delivering the project on time. Due date performance in engineering companies is very poor and clients tolerate it because everybody is the same. One of the fundamental mistakes made in project management that causes major obstacles to flow is bad multi-tasking.

He ended with the following advice to the business leaders on how to do that - The company needs to start with analyzing the value and competitive edge they are aiming to give and what they want to deliver to which segments, and then analyze the major constraints that prevents from delivering more value.



Mr. Indrajit Sen, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Mr. Rami Goldratt, CEO, Goldratt Consulting.



Mr. Rami Goldratt addressing the session.

### WORKSHOP ON GST OUTREACH PROGRAMME

8TH MARCH 2017,  
KENDRIYA UTPAD SHULK BHAWAN

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry partnering with the Commissionerate of Central Excise, Kolkata I, organized a half-day Workshop on GST Outreach Programme on 8th March 2017 at KUSB Auditorium in Kendriya Utpad Shulk Bhawan. This was a part of the massive outreach programme on GST launched by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) for educating taxpayers for smooth transition to GST, which was scheduled to be launched in the



Dignitaries on the dais.



Address by Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP

next few months. Mr. P K Saha, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP, on behalf of BCC&I, deliberated on Practical Aspects in Implementation of GST. Other Speakers from CBEC made presentations on migration to GSTN and discussed various procedures and issues involved. The Workshop was attended by close to 120 delegates.



**9TH MARCH 2017,  
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## INTERACTION WITH JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Interactive Session with Mr. Masayuki Taga, Consul General of Japan in Kolkata during the Managing Committee Meeting, held on 9th March 2017 in The Bengal Chamber Premises.

Welcoming the Consul General of Japan, Mr Masayuki Taga, on his first visit to the Chamber, Mr. Sutanu Gosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry introduced him to the members, present in the meeting.

Mr. Taga deliberated on the economic relationship between Japan and India. He said that in the last 7/8 years and especially in the last three years, Indo-Japanese relation has been deepening and widening. The Prime Ministers of the two countries have been having formal meetings on regular basis. From the regular mutual visits various joint efforts have materialized. The relationship between the Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Japan has been good and various agreements have been signed on the economic side. The countries also have had bilateral dialogues, defence co-operations and a few agreements on bilateral issues. FDI from Japan to India had increased. Number of Japanese companies existing in India has increased. The Consul General felt that there existed a lot of opportunities to increase the share of Japanese companies in the Eastern part of the country. Many Japanese companies have moved to the West and Southern part of the country looking at the port and other infrastructure facilities. Mr. Taga would like to promote the economic relation between Japan and the Eastern part of India including West Bengal to bring Japanese businesses to this region. He noted that West Bengal had an advantage in so far as availability of power etc. However, it was a question of better business opportunities that are attracting Japanese Companies to Southern and the Western parts of India.

Mr. Taga felt that it was more of a question of connectivity from the South East to the East Asian countries that would give a boost to investment in the Eastern part of India. The terrain in the East and the North East is difficult posing a challenge to movement of bulk cargo for manufacturing industries. There exist opportunities for building good connectivity from the Eastern part of India through the Bay of Bengal. The Consul General felt that the Government could take a lead to improve connectivity and infrastructure development to bring about a big change in investment and growth. In Bangladesh, the Japanese Government is spending substantially for improving connectivity and increasing energy supply. With improved infrastructure facilitating movement of goods across borders in West Bengal and neighbouring States as well as neighbouring countries, it should be possible to attract not only large Japanese companies but also Japanese SMEs who were interested to come but would need help. Quite a few Japanese Companies have invested in Bangladesh, a country with a large population. The aspect of building connectivity infrastructure needs to be looked into for the development of the entire East.

The other aspect which the Consul General felt was important for attracting Japanese Companies was to project to them some success stories like the story of Maruti Suzuki in India. Demand for heavy machinery in India was strong and Hitachi Heavy Machinery was setting up units in Kharagpur, Jamshedpur and in Karnataka. A floating fish feed company was coming up in Kharagpur which would cater to the entire Eastern region and would increase production depending on the increase in demand. The Consul General stated that as far as future investments are concerned, India was still a preferred destination for Japanese Companies. Many companies had already invested in the South and the West as well as in Gujarat.

Mr. Taga's address was followed by an engaging Q/A session.

L-R: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Masayuki Taga, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata; Mr. Indrajit Sen, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber.





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Mr. Masayuki Taga, Consul General,  
Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata  
during the Interactive Session.



### ROUNDTABLE ON 'BUSINESS DELIVERY MODELS FOR SOLAR ENERGY IMPLEMENTATION'

10TH MARCH 2017 (SOLAR APPRECIATION DAY),  
THE AMERICAN CENTER, KOLKATA

To commemorate 'Solar Appreciation Day', (EDN India), in association with (BCCI&i) organized a roundtable discussion on 'Business Delivery Models for Solar Energy Implementations' on Friday, 10th March 2017 at The American Center, Kolkata. The objective was to identify successful policies and programs, and also any impediments to a faster rate of growth of solar power in India.

India has set an ambitious goal of 175 GW (gigawatts) renewable energy production by 2022. Of that, 100 GW is to come from solar (with 40 of the 100 GW projected generation from rooftop solar). India also anchored the International Solar Alliance of 121 countries located between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The Finance Minister of India, in the Budget Speech of 1st February 2017, announced

a second phase of Solar Park development for an additional 20,000 MW (megawatts) capacity, the reduction of custom duty on solar panel components, and increased allocation for the infrastructure sector.

Despite all these positive policies in place and the benefit of 300 days of sunshine that India has on an average, solar energy installed capacity remains as low as 3.17% of total installed energy capacity. At the current pace, projected installed rooftop solar capacity in India will only be able to achieve 12 GW by 2022. The focus of the discussion was to bring together stakeholders in solar energy propagation and discuss appropriate and effective business delivery models for solar energy implementation.



Discussion in progress – (Fourth from right) Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber; (Third from right) Shri Debashis Sen, IAS, Chairman, Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Government of West Bengal and Nabadiganta Industrial Township Authority; (Second from right) Mr. Taranjit Singh, Chief Patron, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director, JIS Group and (Fifth from right) Mr. Barun Chanda, Actor and Author.



Discussion in progress – (Fourth from right) Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber; (Third from right) Ms. Karuna Singh, Country Director, Earth Day Network – India and (Fifth from right) Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber.



**18TH MARCH 2017,  
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## NEXT GEN EMPLOYABILITY CONCLAVE – 3RD EDITION

The People Management Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the annual 'Next Gen Employability Conclave – 3rd Edition' at Williamson Magor Hall, The Chamber Premises, Kolkata on 18th March 2017. The objective of the Conclave was to address the employability scenario in 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 recruitment process.

### Speakers at this event were:

- 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 Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Rahul Bose, L&K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited
- Mr Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Immediate Past President, Assocham
- 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. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Private Limited
- Mr. Subrata Kumar Saha, Dy. Chief Manager – Human Resources, Times of India
- Mr. Supratik Bhattacharya, Associate Director – HR, Cognizant Technology Solutions
- Maj Gen (Dr) SC Jain, VSM (Retd), Director, Army Institute of Management, Kolkata
- Ms. Shikha Banerjee, General Manager – HR, Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Rajesh Jain, Head (Corporate HR), Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited
- Mr. Subhashish Das, Vice President - Corporate HR & Personnel, Berger Paints India Limited
- Ms Rituparna Ghosh, AVP-HR, Wipro
- Mr Ankur Chaturvedi, General Manager, Emami Ltd
- Mr Swarup Roy, Founder and Chairman, Time International Co., Bangkok
- Mr. Venkatakrishnan, Director, Bloom Electronics (P) Ltd
- Mr Ravindra Dharkar, Head HR – Cement Operations, Lafarge India Ltd
- Ms Shivani Chaturvedi, Vice President – HR, Accenture India, Kolkata
- Mr. Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited
- Dr Malay R Dave, Principal, JISCE

Mr Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Immediate Past President, Assocham, shared the story of his journey to success which inspired senior industry professionals to strive for professional excellence and also



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



Address by Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd.



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motivated young graduates to be more focused in their approach towards their future professional careers.

Eminent HR Heads were of the opinion that education was the single most important instrument for social and economic transformation. A well educated population, adequately equipped with knowledge and skills was not only essential to support economic growth, but it was also a precondition for growth to be inclusive since it is the educated and skilled person who could stand to benefit most from the employment opportunities which growth would bring about.

A magazine named “HR Graffiti” was also published on the programme day which contained many articles on employability scenarios written by eminent HR Heads from the industry.

Chief Guest Mr. Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Immediate Past President, ASSOCHAM addressing the audience.



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



‘HR Graffiti’, a magazine released by People Management Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. L-R Ms Shivani Chaturvedi, Vice President – HR, Accenture India, Kolkata; Mr. Subhashish Das, Vice President - Corporate HR & Personnel, Berger Paints India Limited; Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co-Chairperson, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sr. General Manager (HRM & Safety), Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Nataraj Ray, Head - HR & Legal, Chandra's Chemical Enterprise Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group; Mr. Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Immediate Past President, ASSOCHAM; Mr. Somesh Dasgupta Chairperson, 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. Tapan Gooptu, Chairman and Managing Director, Gooptu Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd; Mr. Rajesh Jain, Head (Corporate HR), Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited; Mr. Ravindra Dharkar, Head HR – Cement Operations, Lafarge India Ltd; Ms. Shikha Banerjee, General Manager – HR, Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. At the back from L-R, Mr. Subrata Kumar Saha, Deputy Chief Manager – Human Resources, Times of India; Maj Gen (Dr) SC Jain, VSM (Retd), Director, Army Institute of Management, Kolkata; Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Private Limited; Mr. Supratik Bhattacharya, Associate Director – HR, Cognizant Technology Solutions; Mr Kumar Shivam, Head – Strategy and Business Development, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh, Bose & Associates Pvt. Ltd presenting a memento to Chief Guest Mr. Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd and Immediate Past President, ASSOCHAM.



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



Panel Discussion on Vision Sharing by People Management Committee moderated by Mr. Jayanta Mukherjee, Head – HR, Quaker Chemical India Private Limited. To his right, Maj Gen (Dr) SC Jain, VSM (Retd), Director, Army Institute of Management, Kolkata; Mr. Supratik Bhattacharya, Associate Director – HR, Cognizant Technology Solutions and Mr. Subrata Kumar Saha, Deputy Chief Manager – Human Resources, Times of India. To his left, Mr. Rajesh Jain, Head (Corporate HR), Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited; Ms. Shikha Banerjee, General Manager – HR, Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Subhashish Das, Vice President - Corporate HR & Personnel, Berger Paints India Limited addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion: Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Mr. Swarup Roy, Founder and Chairman, Time International Co., Bangkok, addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion: Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



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Ms. Rituparna Ghosh, AVP-HR, Wipro, addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion: Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Mr. Ankur Chaturvedi, General Manager, Emami Ltd, addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion: Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Mr. Venkatakrishnan, Director, Bloom Electronics (P) Ltd, addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion: Attitude, Soft skills and Emotional Quotient - DNA of Hiring.



Mr. P.K. Sahu, Co-Chairperson, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Sr. General Manager (HRM & Safety), Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited presenting a memento to Ms Rituparna Ghosh, AVP-HR, Wipro.



Mr. P.K. Sahu presenting a memento to Mr Swarup Roy.



Mr. P.K. Sahu presenting a memento to Mr Ankur Chaturvedi, General Manager, Emami Ltd.



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Panel Discussion on Work Place Orientation: Importance of Project Training/Industrial Training/On Job Training moderated by Mr Ravindra Dharkar, Head HR – Cement Operations, Lafarge India Ltd. To his right, Ms. Shivani Chaturvedi, Vice President – HR, Accenture India. To his left, Mr. Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited and Dr Malay R Dave, Principal, JISCE.



Ms. Shivani Chaturvedi, Vice President – HR, Accenture India addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion on Work Place Orientation: Importance of Project Training/Industrial Training/On Job Training.



Mr. Sugata Halder, Country Head – HR, Century Plyboards (India) Limited addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion on Work Place Orientation: Importance of Project Training/Industrial Training/On Job Training.



Dr. Malay R Dave, Principal, JISCE addressing the audience during the Panel Discussion on Work Place Orientation: Importance of Project Training/Industrial Training/On Job Training.



Mr. Rahul Bose, L&K Leader, GBS, India, South Asia, IBM India Limited presenting a memento to Ms. Shivani Chaturvedi, Vice President – HR, Accenture India.



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### B2B MEETING WITH JAPANESE DELEGATION

5TH APRIL 2017,  
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On 5th April 2017, a Japanese Delegation comprising Mr. Takahiro Ochi, Chief Manager Business Strategies Division Tokyo office, Mobile Create Co., Ltd; Mr. Chikahide Itoh, Managing Director, Future Electronics Co., Ltd and Mr. Kazuchika Oka, Mobile Create Co. Ltd. along with Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh Goindi, Managing Director Nippon Audiotronix Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Shailesh Jain, AGM-Business Development of Nippon Audiotronix Pvt. Ltd met with the local delegation comprising Mr. Aninda Chatterjee, Executive Director (Finance), Webel; Mr. Rajiv K Poddar, Co-Founder & CEO, Smartpower Automation; Mr. Biswadeep Biswas, KPMG; Mr. Rohit Sarkar, Distrionix; Mr. Ashok Mukherjee, Sonodyne; Mr. Prasenjit Misra, Switching AVO Electro Power Ltd.; Mr. Abhishek Roy, Principal Consultant, SEMT and Mr. Partha Sarathi Biswas, Signotron.

The discussion was on new improved transportation solutions and the scope of application of intelligent technology to the transportation system in Kolkata/West Bengal. The meeting commenced with a presentation delivered by the Japanese team from Mobile Create which works for transport and business solutions. They spoke about their business case studies in Japan's transportation system. As highlighted by the delegation, Mobile Create is a pioneer in launching IP-based PTT. Their other works include use of drones and other tools.

They discussed about OKICA transport system (OKICA or Okinawa IC Card is a ticket to travel on Okinawa's monorail (Yui Rail) and buses on cashless model). The technology also facilitates:

- tracking commuters (children and senior citizens) traveling alone through IC card (smart card) status
- paperless settlement of documents through central system
- locating a vehicle (here bus) – this gives accurate bus



B2B meeting with Japanese Delegation in progress

schedules to track buses for the commuters. It also includes several safety features including use of advanced technology to count number of travelers on each transport at a given point of time.

Following the presentation, the local delegates introduced themselves and their organizations and their expertise in bringing technological advancements in their respective fields. The discussion included viability of the Japanese technology in West Bengal. The practical challenges in adapting this technology were discussed in depth. Some important points discussed were the cost involved in adapting such a technology along with its durability under circumstances of a natural disaster.

In conclusion, the Japanese Delegation was requested to propose a pilot project to which Mr. Goindi added that further meetings and exchange of data would help to firm it up.

### A SPECIAL INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HIS EXCELLENCY MR. PARAMASIVUM PILLAY VYAPOORY, HON'BLE VICE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Special Interactive Session with His Excellency, Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President of Republic of Mauritius on 17th April 2017 at The Chamber premises. The session was graced by His Excellency Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President of Republic of Mauritius and Mr. Deven Coopoosamy, Partner - Client Relationship CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius. The audience included important stakeholders and members of the Chamber. The objective of the session was to explore bilateral business opportunities between India and Mauritius in general and building new bonds between Kolkata/West

Bengal and Mauritius in particular.

It was the first ever business forum His Excellency graced in the City.

His Excellency Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory and Mr. Deven Coopoosamy took a walk down the Calcutta Gallery accompanied by Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, BCC&I, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General BCC&I and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Director, BCC&I, following which the interactive session commenced.



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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, in his welcome speech, highlighted the Indo-Mauritius bilateral relations and also introduced the Hon'ble Vice President to the audience. Mr. Abhishek Basu, Executive Trustee of Basu Foundation for the Arts, the cultural partner of BCC&I for this event, showcased the gamut of interesting work that The Basu Foundation had been doing on connecting people through art, through an audio visual presentation,.

An Introduction of Business Opportunities along with the Ease of Doing Business in Mauritius was presented by Mr. Deven Cooposamy with the help of an audio visual presentation.

Subsequently, His Excellency Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory addressed the gathering by elaborating on the ideal environment for doing business in the island nation and the bilateral relationship between India and Mauritius. The Hon'ble Vice President mentioned that Mauritius had a skilled workforce and modern infrastructure for setting up factories. He shared how Mauritius used to be a mono-crop model economy at the time of their Independence when sugar used to constitute 90% of their trade which accounted for only 1% of their GDP, and how the Government now envisions raising Mauritius to the level of a high income economy as part of the Vision 2030 exercise. His Excellency spoke of the trade links Mauritius has had with India, where he mentioned certain facts like - India has been the largest exporter of goods and services to Mauritius and how India and Mauritius have been sharing strong trade relations even in the recent past, and how the double tax avoidance convention has helped play a key role in enhancing the financial statistics. To highlight the strong Indian influence on Mauritius, His

Excellency Mr. Vyapoory named several places/monuments that were named after famous Indians including Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Swami Vivekananda and Rabindranath Tagore. The relations between the armed forces of India and Mauritius have also been good. The famous Mauritius navy ship, Barracuda was constructed by an Indian shipbuilder, while even today India carries out patrols and surveillances with Mauritius.

India is Mauritius's leading trading partner and has been the largest exporter of goods and services to the country since 2007. His Excellency highlighted the joint operations that both the countries are carrying out presently, with a reference to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi's Mauritius visit in 2015. His Excellency complimented the Hon'ble Prime Minister for redefining the bilateral relationship between the two countries during his visit.

The proposed Indo-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement is expected to be signed later this year as both countries finalised the areas of exchange, he added. He said that the two sides had agreed upon the areas in which the agreement would be implemented. Areas which have been identified are financial services, ICT, health, education, R&D and construction. He said that the agreement would lead to an expansion of trade on both sides and enhanced investment besides enhanced economic relations. Sectors which offered investment opportunities to Indian companies were ICT and BPO, banking services and insurance. He also mentioned that investments in Mauritius will give Indian companies preferential market access to USA and to Africa.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcoming H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius to the Chamber.



H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius entering the Chamber premises with Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



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Regarding the Direct Tax Avoidance Convention (DTAC) between India and Mauritius, he said that it was due to this agreement that the cumulative equity inflow to India till April, 2015 was to the tune of USD87 bn. He said that India had extended several lines of credit to Mauritius, the last one being USD500 million announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March, 2015. Mauritius is also ready to offer financial incentives to the Indian film industry, he observed. His Excellency thanked The Bengal Chamber for providing a relevant platform for exploring bilateral trade and B2B interfaces.

Mr. D N Mittra, Chairperson, Legal Committee and Member, Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivered the formal Vote of Thanks.



H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius walking through The Calcutta Gallery.



L-R: Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber; H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius; Mr. Dip Narayan Mittra, Chairperson, Legal Committee and Member, Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Deven Coopposamy, Partner – Client Relationship, CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius on the dais.



Mr. Deven Coopposamy, Partner – Client Relationship, CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius with Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry emceeding the interactive session.



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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Welcome Address.



Mr. Abhishek Basu, Executive Trustee, Basu Foundation for The Arts addressing the audience.



Mr. Deven Cooposamy, Partner – Client Relationship, CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius during his presentation.



H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius gracing the session.



Mr. Dip Narayan Mittra, Chairperson, Legal Committee and Member, Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Vote of Thanks.



Q/A session in progress.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius.



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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to Mr. Deven Cooposamy, Partner – Client Relationship, CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius.



A section of the audience.



L-R: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; H.E. Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Hon'ble Vice President, Republic of Mauritius; Mr. Deven Cooposamy, Partner – Client Relationship, CORPORATE, Rogers Capital, Mauritius; Mr. Dip Narayan Mittra, Chairperson, Legal Committee and Member, Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



**22ND APRIL 2017, BIRLA INDUSTRIAL & TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM, KOLKATA**

**BCC&I SIT 'N' DRAW 2017, "TEACH FOR THE GREEN PLANET"  
ON THE OCCASION OF EARTH DAY**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the sixth edition of its annual Sit 'n' Draw on the occasion of Earth Day at the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata on 22nd April 2017. Around 130 children from several city schools participated in the event.

The initiative was supported by International Combustion (India) Limited, Calcutta Tea Traders Association, Earth Day Network, Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM), Mongrace Montessori House, Coca-Cola India and Mio Amore.

The theme of this competition this year was "Teach for the Green Planet". The objective of the Sit 'n' Draw was to imbibe in the future generations, the importance of a sustainable natural environment, which will, in turn, help create a secure future for the generations to come.

Shri Animesh Nandi, Gold Medallist from Academy of Fine Arts, was our Chief Guest. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry also encouraged the students by his august presence.



Sit 'n' Draw at Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM).



Sit 'n' Draw in progress.



Sit 'n' Draw in progress.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with Shri Animesh Nandi, Eminent Artist and Gold Medalist from Academy of Fine Arts and Ms. Joeeta Basu, Director, Rambani Art School.





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L-R: Ms. S Bhattacharya, Director, Rambani Art School; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber; Ms. Joyeeta Basu; Shri Animesh Nandi.





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## **STARTUPS – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in association with StartFed, organized a Seminar titled “STARTUPS – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES” held on 25th April 2017 at the Williamson Magor Hall in The Chamber premises.

The focus of the seminar was to create a relevant platform for the Start-Ups as well as the MSMEs regarding information, Schemes and Policies of the Government while also covering the initiatives of other institutions, which are providing support for incubation-led business and financing.

The Inaugural Session of the Seminar was graced by Shri L N Gupta, IAS Principal Secretary, Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of Odisha; Smt. Aastha Grover, Advisor-Startup, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India; Shri Suman Mukhopadhyaya - Consultant (Entrepreneurship), Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises (IC&E), Government of West Bengal; Shri Ravindra Prasad, ITS, Director - Technical Development, Directorate of Technical Development, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar; Mr. Kallol Datta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Founder, StartFed; Mr. Abhijit Hazra, Chairperson - The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber.

On this occasion, Smt. Aastha Grover, Advisor-Startup, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India spoke about the various Schemes & Policies by the Department of Industrial

Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Government of India in this context. She also shared that the Central Government had planned to set up an online portal to bring together all stakeholders in the Start-Up ecosystem. The objective was to connect investors, incubators, funding sources and the facilitators with the startups.

The Panel Discussion following the Inaugural Session was graced by Dr Siddhartha Das, Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and Executive Advisor, Science and Technology Entrepreneurs' Park (STEP), Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; Prof Manas Kumar Sanyal, Head, Department of Human Resource Management, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (IESTS); Shri Subhrangshu Sanyal - Chief Executive Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIMC) – Innovation Park, Kolkata and Shri S K Das - Assistant Director – IMT, MSME Development Institute (MSME - DI), Kolkata, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Debkumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

Mr. Saksham Karwal, Founder, Seenit, a promising Startup, expressed his views about the Startup ecosystem of the Eastern Region and also shared his journey with the audience. The Seminar was attended by emerging Startups, promising MSMEs and senior bureaucrats from the Central as well as the State Governments.



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



Theme Address by Mr. Kallol Datta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Founder, StartFed.



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Special Address by Smt. Aastha Grover, Advisor - Startup, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.



Special Address by Shri Suman Mukhopadhyaya, Consultant (Entrepreneurship), Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises (IC&E), Government of West Bengal.



Special Address by Shri Ravindra Prasad, ITS, Director - Technical Development, Directorate of Technical Development, Department of Industries, Government of Bihar.



Chief Guest Shri L N Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of Odisha, addressing the audience.



Vote of Thanks by Mr. Abhijit Hazra, Chairperson - The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director, Touchstone Tie-up Private Limited



Mr. Kallol Datta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Founder, StartFed presenting a memento to Smt. Aastha Grover.



Mr. Kallol Datta presenting a memento to Chief Guest Shri L N Gupta, IAS.



Mr. Kallol Datta presenting a memento to Shri Ravindra Prasad.



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Mr. Kallol Datta presenting a memento to Shri Suman Mukhopadhyaya.



Mr. Kallol Datta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Founder, StartFed interacting with the media.



Mr. Debkumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director, Zetadel Technologies Pvt. Ltd. moderating the Panel discussion on “Startups – Opportunities & Challenges”.



Dr. Siddhartha Das, Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and Executive Advisor, Science and Technology Entrepreneurs' Park (STEP), Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur addressing the audience during the Panel discussion on “Startups – Opportunities & Challenges”.



Shri Subhrangshu Sanyal, Chief Executive Officer, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIMC) – Innovation Park, Kolkata addressing the audience during the Panel discussion on “Startups – Opportunities & Challenges”.



Shri S K Das, Assistant Director – IMT, MSME Development Institute (MSME - DI), Kolkata, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India addressing the audience during the Panel discussion on “Startups – Opportunities & Challenges”.



Prof. Manas Kumar Sanyal, Head – Department of Human Resource Management, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur (IIESTS) addressing the audience during the Panel discussion on “Startups – Opportunities & Challenges”.



Mr. Saksham Karwal, Founder, Seenit making a presentation on “A Journey of A Startup”.



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Mr. Debkumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director, Zetadel Technologies Pvt. Ltd. presenting a memento to Dr Siddhartha Das.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Prof Manas Kumar Sanyal.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Shri Subhrangshu Sanyal.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Shri S K Das.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Mr. Saksham Karwal, Founder, Seenit.



Questions from audience.

### AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON RERA AND HOME INSPECTION

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The Bengal Chamber in association with MACJ-A Buyer's Choice Home Inspections Pvt. Ltd organised an interactive session on RERA and Home Inspection on 28th April 2017 at Kolkata.

The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA) is an Act of the Parliament of India which seeks to promote transparency, accountability and efficiency in the construction, execution & quality of real estate projects and boost investment in the real estate sector.

#### Home Inspection is a

- non-invasive, visual examination of all accessible areas, systems & components of a home/property

- using modern technology and specialized tools
- is designed to describe the condition of the systems and components of home/property
- identifies and reports issues within specific systems and components, that are both observed and deemed critical by the inspector.

Mr. Craig Hall, Consul General, U.S Consulate General, Kolkata, graced the occasion, as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Nandu Belani, President, CREDAI & Promoter Belani Group joined as Special Guest. The interactive session was moderated by Mr. Mahendra Sureka, Director & CEO, MACJ – A Buyers Choice Home Inspections, India and Ms. Yamini Sureka, Home Inspector and



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Partner, MACJ Services LLP. Other eminent Speakers were Mr. Dileep Singh Mehta, Chairman, Multicon Group; Mr. Bill Redfern, Global CEO, A Buyers Choice Home Inspections; Mr. Partha Ranjan Das, Leading city based Architect; Mr. Kamal Prakash, Promoter, JS Group; Ms. Debjani Mukherjee, Sr. Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Bengal NRI Complex Ltd. (Urbana Residential Project) and Mr. Girja Choudhary, Whole-time Director & CFO, Emami Infrastructure Ltd.

The interactive session also witnessed the participation of a large audience representing a cross-section of industries.



Participants at the Interactive Session on RERA and Home Inspection.



The Speakers at the Interactive Session on RERA and Home Inspection.



Mr. Mahendra Sureka, Director & CEO, MACJ – A Buyers Choice Home Inspections, India sharing the journey of his startup.

## SUNFEAST FARMLITE 8TH HEALTH & LIFESTYLE QUIZ

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Sunfeast Farmlite 8th Health & Lifestyle Quiz, on 28th April 2017 in the Chamber premises.

Encouraged by the great response from quizzers, corporates and the medical fraternity, the Health Quiz has become an annual signature event of the Chamber and now is almost touching 10 years since its inception. Title-sponsored by Sunfeast Farmlite, the Quiz helps the Kolkata quizzing and corporate community to connect with their friends and colleagues. The Prize Sponsors were Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals Kolkata, GKB Opticals and the event was supported by AMRI, Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences and CESC.

Quiz Master, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, was assisted by Mr. Kinshuk Biswas. 45 teams participated in the Quiz. The Winner of the event was CNMC Alumni Association. The First Runner up was Hardy Martin & Co and the Second Runner Up was The Lobotomists. Participants had great fun at the Quiz which was followed by networking cocktails at The Bengal Lounge.

Quiz Master, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, conducting the Quiz.



Teams at the preliminary round of the Quiz.



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Teams at the final round of the Quiz.



Teams at the final round of the Quiz.



Audience Prize won by a participant at the Final Round.



2nd Runner Up (The Lobotomists).



1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up (Hardy Martin & Co)



Winner (CNMC Alumni Association).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMME

THINK Lecture Series with Mr Bharat Puri, MD, Pidilite Industries, 11th May 2017, The Bengal Lounge, Chamber premises

Bridging Career in the Workforce of the Future - A Career Counselling Camp, 12th - 13th May 2017, IAS Group of Institutions, Siliguri

Business IT Conclave – 8th Edition: “Bridging Automation and Society”, 24th May 2017, Hyatt Regency, Kolkata

Workshop on Cyber Security, 26th May 2017, Hotel De Soverani, Kolkata

Workshop on ‘E-Waste Management - Challenges, Prospects and strategies’ and Workshop on ‘Hazardous Waste Management’, 29th-30th May 2017, Chamber premises

Workshop on Integrated Reporting, 2nd June 2017, Chamber premises

Interactive Session with Dr S Akbar Zaidi, Political Economist, Visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York and Adjunct Professor at the IBA, Karachi, 10th June 2017, Chamber premises

Seminar on GST, 16th June 2017, Williamson Magor Hall

Business Delegation to the United Kingdom, 26th – 29th June 2017,

Group Discussion cum Oration on Social Position of Doctors on Doctors' Day, 1st July 2017, Williamson Magor Hall

Marketing Conclave - BRAND STORIES, 22nd July 2017, Williamson Magor Hall

All Chambers' Business Meet, 28th & 29th July 2017, Hotel Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata

Tenth Edition of Environment and Energy Conclave – Theme: “Green Above. Green below”, 23rd and 24th August 2017, ITC Sonar, Kolkata



## Teacher Training Workshop on “E-Learning: Challenges and Opportunities” organized by British Council and All India Council for Technical Education on 2nd May, 2017 at JIS College of Engineering.

Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, Dr. M. S. Manna, Director, AICTE, Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Higher Education, Science & Technology & Biotechnology and Mrs. Ashima Patra, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Technical Education & Training was present in this auspicious occasion and graced the event.

“The E-learning that comes under the SWAYAM project is a wonderful initiative to bridge the digital divide. Everybody has the right to education and when various educational revolutions are taking place, then the members from different Engineering Colleges under AICTE, Eastern Region participated

and teachers, rather the mentors, should know how e-learning should be used as a daily tool. This is a prestigious event for us that we could develop the online curriculum, best fitted for a student, studying online.” said Dr. Chatterjee during the Teachers Training Workshop.

The E-QUAL project is an innovative approach to enhance the quality, access and governance of undergraduate education in India through the joint decision and production of Open Educational Resources (OER), supported by European Commission (EU) and implemented by the British Council.

Faculty Members from different Engineering Colleges under AICTE, Eastern Region participated and the event was informative, interactive and successful.





**Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, the only nodal centre in West Bengal organized world's biggest computer programming contest, the Smart India Hackathon 2017 during 1-2 April 2017.**

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, envisages a Digital India to bridge the digital divide in the country and further promote digital literacy in order to make development a comprehensive mass movement and put governance within everyone's reach in India.

To translate the vision into reality, Ministry of HRD, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) propose the Smart India Hackathon 2017, a unique initiative to identify new and disruptive digital technology innovations for solving the challenges faced by our country. This initiative aims to institutionalize a model for harnessing the creativity and technical expertise of 3 million + students for direct benefit of our nation. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of HRD is the Chief Patron of this unique initiative, while Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE & Dr. Anand Deshpande, Chairman, Founder & MD, Persistent Systems are the Chairman and Co-chairman of the organizing committee of this initiative respectively. NIC, MyGov, NASSCOM, UGC and Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini were co-organizers along with several union ministries as partners in this initiative.

Smart India Hackathon 2017 was a computer programming competition which involved all Engineering colleges with a reach to approximately 30 Lakh students from across India and was planned to challenge the students to think out-of-the-box and offer innovative ideas to build smart applications which will help address major real time problems in the country.

On 1st April 2017 at 10 pm honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Guru Nanak Institute of Technology through Video conferencing and greeted all participants and answered question of students.

Vice Chairman and Director, AICTE along with a host of top level dignitaries from ministries, government offices, and industry attended the event. Around 45 teams from all over India participated and were judged by a galaxy of expert judges from AICTE, Ministry and Industry. GNIT was under Indian Council for Medical Research.

