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# Newsletter

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

*Dear Member,*



**25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

As we step into April, I extend my heartfelt greetings for the Bengali New Year, and I take this opportunity to wish "Subho Naboborsho," to you and to all our stakeholders.

Amidst the dawn of this Bengali New Year, I am pleased to announce the commencement of our latest endeavour - the inauguration of a new office in Delhi. This expansion marks a significant milestone in our journey, positioning us strategically for enhanced engagement and collaboration. In the months ahead, we anticipate fostering fresh dialogues and interactions with the government, championing the key interests of our esteemed stakeholders.

As we navigate through this period of transition, it is imperative to acknowledge the prevailing global landscape. Recently, BCC&i orchestrated impactful events aimed at advancing international trade and cooperation. Noteworthy among these is the International Trade Conclave in New Delhi, fostering global dialogue.

Furthermore, an engaging Interactive Session with Her Excellency, Ms. Marisa Gerards, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, stimulated insightful discussions on bilateral relations and economic opportunities. Amidst these dynamic shifts, it's noteworthy to mention that the recently constituted Chamber's

Haldia Focused Committee would be a neutral forum for the industries and stakeholders in Haldia to engage on the cause of the industry and environment in the said region, further enriching our collective efforts for sustainable development.

In the approaching month, an exciting line-up of events awaits us, promising enriching experiences and invaluable networking opportunities. From the Multi Sectoral Business Delegation to the United Kingdom facilitating cross-border partnerships, to the exhilarating "Scuba in Havelock" ocean diving event in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, offering a unique blend of adventure and exploration, and culminating in our flagship Ratnagarbha 2024 paying tribute to the essence of motherhood.

As we embark on this journey, I humbly seek your unwavering support and invaluable insights to steer us towards a year of unparalleled growth and prosperity.

Warm regards,

Sd/-  
**Gautam Ray**  
President

## MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



**Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Roy Choudhury & Company whose application for membership was tabled and approved on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**



MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY IN ASSOCIATION WITH JIS GROUP EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

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The International Trade Committee of the Bengal Chamber organized the **‘International Trade Conclave’ on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at The Park, New Delhi with the theme “India Today: Positioning New India in Global Trade Market.”**

India's gross domestic product (GDP) at current prices in the first quarter (Q1) of 2023-24 was estimated as Rs. 70.67 trillion (~US\$ 850 billion), as against Rs. 65.42 trillion (~US\$ 829 billion) in Q1 of 2022-23, showing a growth rate of 8.0%. India's overall exports in FY23 (April-March 2023) increased by 13.84% to US\$ 770 billion.

The new FTP, announced in March 2023, by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, introduced & streamlined various schemes, aims at process re-engineering and automation to facilitate ease of exporting and encourages collaborating with States and Districts for export promotion, among others. One significant change to foreign trade policy was enabling payment and settlement in the Indian Rupee and opening of special rupee Vostro accounts supported by Indian banks to ease international trade transactions. With more than 35 countries expressing interest in this mechanism, the long-term aim is to internationalize the rupee and reduce the depreciation of the domestic currency against the dollar.

In this changing scenario, India is presently known as one of the most important players in the global economic landscape. Its trade policies, Government reforms and inherent economic

strengths have contributed to its standing as one of the most sought-after destinations for foreign investments. Also, technological and infrastructural development being carried out across the country augurs well for the trade and economic sector in the years to come. India has evolved as a strong player and its image from complying towards Western Countries changed into a leadership role in last few years. On the other hand, UP has become a thriving export hub over the past few years setting a benchmark for the other states.

In this context we have themed our Conclave as “India Today: Positioning New India in Global Trade Market”.

**Impact of IPR on International Trade, Nuances of Trade Finance and Regional Cooperation are some of the aspects of International Trade that were discussed at the Conclave.**

**The Conclave witnessed the participation of eminent speakers like :**

- Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, Director (Service Businesses), Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd.
- Mr. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- Mr. Vivek Johri, Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- Mr. Anand Choubey, Partner, K&S
- Mr. Deepak Singh, Team Leader- Patent Engineering, R. K. Dewan & Co.
- Mr. Rahul, DGM, ECGC Ltd.
- Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER

**Guest of Honour at the Conclave Mr. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade** mentioned that *DGFT has been streamlining and automating processes for facilitation and reduction of cost to exporters to make them more competitive. It has entered into MOUs with Amazon, DHL and Shiprocket for capacity building of new and potential exporters and more such MOUs are likely to be signed in future.*

*On talking about **Regional Cooperation as the Game Changer for Indian Traders**” Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER recommended that India needs to streamline the processes of multiple export control agencies so that export faces the same treatment as imports.*

*The Conclave was well attended by exporters, importers, law firms, Central Government Officials, MNCs, Consulates and Consultants.*



# INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE

26th March 2024  
The Park, New Delhi



Opening Session, "India Today : Positioning New India in Global Trade Market"



Special Guest Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, Director (Service Businesses), Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd. speaking at the Opening Session



Mr. Subhash Chandra Agarwal, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade speaking at the Opening Session



Guest of Honour, Mr. Vivek Johri, Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs speaking at the Opening Session



Experts' Roundtable on "Impact of IPR on International Trade" in progress with Mr. Anand Choubey, Partner, K&S and Mr. Deepak Singh, Team Leader- Patent Engineering, R. K. Deewan & Co. moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I



Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER discussing "Regional Cooperation" as a Game Changer for Indian Traders with Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I



## PROGRAMME

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE

26th March 2024  
The Park, New Delhi



Mr. Rahul, DGM, ECGC Ltd. speaking on Nuances of Trade Finance: Focusing Insurance



Audience during the Conclave

### A SPECIAL SESSION WITH HON'BLE JUSTICE SOUMEN SEN

28th March 2024,  
Virtual Platform

The Legal Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized its Annual session by Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen from Calcutta High Court on "Intellectual Property - Innovation and Adjudication" on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. onwards, conducted virtually.

Mr. Prasanta Dutta welcomed Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen on behalf of the Chamber and highlighted on the importance of Intellectual Property Rights.

Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen began his address discussing the dynamic landscape of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), focusing notably on the Pharmaceutical Industry and Patent Rights. He highlighted the significant strides made in these domains, particularly concerning the intersection of AI and IPR, and underscored the forthcoming regulations awaiting notification. Justice Sen underscored the importance of negotiation strategies, advocating for cost-effective mediation or settlement approaches. This session aimed to provide insights into the evolving IPR landscape, emphasizing the need for effective legal frameworks and pragmatic dispute resolution methods to navigate the complexities of modern innovation and technology.

The session received an overwhelming response with a total of 500 plus participants, including Advocates, Solicitors, Attorneys, other Legal Professionals, and Law students, as well as executives and professionals from various conglomerates and start-ups. The session was supported by Victor Moses & Co; Sandersons & Morgans; and Sinha & Company Advocates.



Mr. Prasanta Kumar Dutt, Co-Chairperson, Legal Committee of The Chamber and Partner, Sandersons & Morgans delivering Welcome address



Hon'ble Justice Soumen Sen, Calcutta High Court addressing the session



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024,  
Virtual Platform

A SPECIAL SESSION WITH HON'BLE JUSTICE SOUMEN SEN



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, The Bengal Chamber delivering Vote of Thanks.

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024,  
J W Marriot Hotel

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON EMPATHY-BASED  
INDIVIDUALISTIC APPROACH TO PATIENT CARE

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Global Cloud Cayr Pvt Ltd jointly organized an Interactive Discussion on empathy-based individualistic approach to patient care, over dinner and cocktails at the J W Marriot Hotel on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The interactive discussion was conducted by a team of Doctors from USA and India with expertise in critical care and other areas, along with technocrats with expertise in artificial intelligence namely, Dr. Rahul Anand, Consultant Critical Care and Emergency Medicine (India); Dr. Neha Singh, Consultant Diabetology & Emergency Medicine, India; Dr. Kaninika Verma, Pulmonary/Critical Care/Sleep Medicine Physician, Director of Sleep Medicine-OSF Health Care Illinois Lung and Critical

Care Institute (ILI) (USA); Dr. Bhagat Singh Aulakh, MD, FCCP, WFR (USA), Internal Medicine / Pulmonology / Critical Care / Neurocritical Care Physician; Dr. Deepak Taneja, MD & FCCP (USA), Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine, Cardiac Critical Care and Point-of-Care Ultrasound.

The Interactive Discussion made an impact and brought together Hospital Administrators, Doctors, Nurses and Technocrats with expertise in Artificial Intelligence on a same platform. The session presented a unique opportunity to address a felt need for a novel empathy-based, individualistic approach to patient care which was attended by the who's who of the health care fraternity. The Interactive Session was attended by close to 50 delegates.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the welcome address



Ms. Babita Shekhar, Founder & Director, Global Cloud Cayr introducing Global Cloud Cayr



## PROGRAMME

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024,  
J W Marriot Hotel

## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON EMPATHY-BASED INDIVIDUALISTIC APPROACH TO PATIENT CARE



Mr. Swetank Shekhar, Founder & Director, Global Cloud Cayr deliberating the services of Global Cloud Cayr



Dr. Rahul Anand, Founder & Director of Global Cloud Cayr speaking about the facilities of Global Cloud Cayr



Interactive Discussion in progress



Interactive Discussion in progress



Participation by the audience



## PROGRAMME

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024,  
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## INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION ON EMPATHY-BASED INDIVIDUALISTIC APPROACH TO PATIENT CARE



Participation by the audience



Networking at the venue



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## PROGRAMME

**INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HER EXCELLENCY, MS. MARISA GERARDS,  
AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS TO INDIA**

**3rd April 2024**

Indo-Dutch business relations date back to more than 400 years. In 1604, the Dutch East India Company (Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie, the VOC) began trading in India, first establishing itself in Dutch Coromandel, notably Pulicat, looking for textiles to exchange with the spices they traded in the East Indies. Diplomatic relations between India and the Netherlands were established in 1947. While Dutch colonial rule in Bengal was relatively short-lived, their presence left a mark. Dutch architecture and cultural influences can still be found in places like Chinsurah. The historical trade connection between the Netherlands and Bengal highlights the global importance of Bengal's textile industry and the fierce competition for Asian trade routes in the colonial era.

The Netherlands is the fifth largest foreign investor in India during F.Y. 2022-2023 with FDI equity inflows of USD 2.498 billion (INR 19,855 crores). From April 2000 to June 2023, the Netherlands was the fourth largest investor into India comprising 7% of overall investment with cumulative FDI equity inflow of USD 45.288 billion (INR 296,000 crores).

The two countries enjoy strong economic ties with high bilateral trade and significant Dutch foreign direct investment (FDI) in India. They are working together to facilitate trade and investment through initiatives like the India-Netherlands Fast-Track Mechanism (FTM) established in September 2022. This mechanism aims to streamline the process for Dutch companies investing in India.

### **Attendees of the meeting :**

- ❖ **Mr. Gautam Ray**, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President - Corporate, RPSG Group, CESC Limited
- ❖ **Mr. Peter Knoope**, Distinguished Fellow, The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
- ❖ **Mr. Namit Shah**, Honorary Consul of The Netherlands in Kolkata & Managing Director - F.Harley & Co Pvt Ltd
- ❖ **Mr. Debashis Dutta**, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I & Director BGS GROUP (B G Somadder & Sons Private Limited)
- ❖ **Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty**, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Dev Committee & Consultant, Indofil
- ❖ **Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay**, Director & CEO, InQube, India and UK
- ❖ **Mr. Avik Ghose**, Research Head, Healthcare and Med-Tech, TCS
- ❖ **Mr. Manohar Bethapudi**, Founder, Uneverse Mobility Private Limited
- ❖ **Mr. Ritvik Modi**, Director, Allied Infrastructures & Projects Pvt Ltd

- ❖ **Mr. Nikhil Jaiswal**, General Manager- East (Green Base Industrial & Logistics Park), Nidar Group of Companies
- ❖ **Mr. Shrey Tayal**, Director, Riverine Group
- ❖ **Mr. S. Hajara**, Director, Apeejay Shipping Limited
- ❖ **Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri**, Director Service Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
- ❖ **Mr. Sagar Khastagir**, Partner, Sure Data Keeping System
- ❖ **Mr. Sidharth Udani**, Regional Head, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd
- ❖ **Mr. Subhodip Ghosh**, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- ❖ **Ms. Sukanya Bose**, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- ❖ **Mr. Sambit Dasgupta**, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

### **Notes of the meeting :**

- ❖ Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I formally welcomed Her Excellency, Ms. Marisa Gerards, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to India and began the session with a round of introduction and interaction along with the members of The Chamber
- ❖ The Session had the presence of senior industry representatives from the Shipping and Logistics Sector, Agriculture, IT and Energy Sector, E-Mobility Sector
- ❖ The Director General of BCC&I, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh updated Her Excellency on the ongoing and a very significant project of BCC&I, on accumulation of Blue Carbon Credits that is taking place in Gangasagar, South 24 Paraganas, West Bengal. The Chamber also expressed its interests on working in the Plastic Credits area in future.
- ❖ Several areas of trade co-operation between the two countries were identified at the onset of the interactive session, they are as follows :
  - Water and irrigation systems
  - Hydrogen
  - Energy
  - Health
  - Technology & Innovation
  - Sustainability
- ❖ Suggestion on developing collaboration opportunities for green port, skill development requirements related to logistics and shipping sector, cold chain/ storage technology in agricultural field, precision farming, and inland waterways opportunities, support in developing sodium ion cell manufacturing technology, came from the participating members of The Chamber.



**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**
**INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH HER EXCELLENCY, MS. MARISA GERARDS,  
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- ❖ Her Excellency appreciated all the suggestions and put forward the existing collaboration opportunities in sectors like, Argiculture, Shipping & Logistics and Med-Tech. She also mentioned about the current collaboration with Government of West Bengal for a project aiming to protect water bodies and reduce pollution.



The opening address of Her Excellency, Ms. Marisa Gerards, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to India to the Members of the interactive session

Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President- Corporate, RPSG Group, CESC Limited, presenting a token of appreciation to the Ambassador



Interactive session between the Members of The Bengal Chamber and Her Excellency, Ms. Marisa Gerards, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to India in progress


**4<sup>th</sup> April 2024,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises**
**COACHING FOR ALL**

The Wellness and Communities Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd; Kolkata's ICF Coaching Community and ICF Educators curated a workshop titled "Coaching for All" dedicated to the Members of The Chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber Premises.

Ms. Magdalena Mook, CEO of the International Coaching Federation (ICF) graced the occasion through online platform along with Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor of Wellness & Communities, BCC&I, Mr. Adhip Pal Chaudhuri, Director Service Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Mr. Partho Chatterjee HR-Adviser, ICF Global Member, Associate Certified Coach (ICF); Ms. Sharmi Roy, Executive Coach, Coach Educator, CEO-Coachezzy and Founder Director-Art To Lead; and other senior representatives were also physically present.

The workshop had 3 different sessions. The first one focused on "Coaching and Women Leaders : Challenges and Opportunities," The second one focused on "Coaching for Business Leaders/Executives/Organization," and the third one

discussed the importance of "Coaching for Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth," which reflected the diverse facets of coaching's transformative potential.

This workshop featured a compelling agenda, including a roundtable discussion and panel sessions. Distinguished leaders from various spheres in Kolkata convened to delve into the profound impact of coaching on personal and professional transformation. The initiative received support from key entities, namely Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Coachezzy Art To Lead Coach Education, Moulting Caterpillar LLP, and Neuro Leadership Training Pvt Ltd, signifying a unified commitment towards advancing coaching practices.

Overall the workshop was a successful one and had the presence of Senior Dignitaries such as CXO's, HR's, Coaching Professionals, and various other Industry stakeholders. The conclave was well attended by more than 70 participants. The entire programme was very well covered by leading media houses.





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4<sup>th</sup> April 2024,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises

COACHING FOR ALL



Senior Women Representatives were present at the special session on Coaching and Women Leaders: Challenges and Opportunities, at the Coaching For All initiative curated by Wellness and Communities The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber Premises



Senior Industry Leaders were present at the special session on “Coaching for Business Leaders/Executives/Organization”, at the Coaching For All initiative curated by Wellness and Communities The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber Premises



Senior Representatives from different stars of the society were present at the special session on “Coaching for Diversity, Inclusion, and Growth”, at the Coaching For All initiative curated by Wellness and Communities The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber Premises.



## PROGRAMME

### SEMINAR ON GST & INCOME TAX - RISKS & REWARDS FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY FY 2024-25

25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024,  
The Bengal Chamber premises

**The National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Seminar on GST & Income Tax - Risks & Rewards for Trade & Industry FY 2024-25 on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.**

The Seminar featured highly interactive sessions with in-depth analysis by experts on GST and Income Tax and provided an insight into the various Issues and its impact on Trade and Industry for the Financial Year 2024-25.

Welcome address was deliberated by Mr. Pulak Saha, Mentor, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Seminar covered the issues related to GST, where Mr. D. P. Karnam, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal and Sri Manoj Kedia, IRS, Principal Commissioner, Kolkata North CGST & CX Commissionerate, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs joined as Guest of Honour and deliberated on Government's perspectives on the issues related to GST.

Technical Session I and II were address by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director & Head of Indirect Taxes, AQUILAW.

Mr. Vivek Agarwal, Advocate & National Executive Member, AIFTP addressed the audience on behalf of AIFTP.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Seminar focused on the issues related to Income Tax which was addressed by Justice Shripathi Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Justice

Md. Nizamuddin, Former Judge of the Calcutta High Court, Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant and Mr. Srouta Gopal Mukherji, Senior Deputy General Manager- Direct and Indirect Taxation, Exide Industries Ltd.

#### **GST session covered the following topics :**

- GST Do's & Don't for FY 24-25 : Departmental Perspectives
- GST @ FY 2024-25: Major foreseen critical issues in light of various Trade & Industry Representation : Departmental Perspectives
- Handling GST Litigations in FY 2024-25 - Assessments, Audits, Investigations & More
- 3 major GST issues in 2024, GST Planning and mitigating GST Risks

#### **Income Tax session covered following topics :**

- Income Tax TDS@ FY 2024-25: Major foreseen critical issues in light of various Trade & Industry Representation - Departmental Perspective
- Analysis of Critical Issues in Income Tax TDS/TCS issues under 194Q, 206C(1H), 206AA, 206CC, 206AB, 206CCA, 194H, 194I, 194C, etc
- Changes in ITRs for AY 24-25 : An In depth Analysis
- Direct Taxes: Industry Issues and representation before CBDT

Both the Sessions were closed with Q/A Session with the audience. The Seminar was attended by more than 120 participants in the Chamber premises. Out station participants attended the programme via Zoom.



Welcome Address by Mr. Pulak Saha, Mentor, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP addressing the Technical Session I



25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024,  
The Bengal Chamber premises

SEMINAR ON GST & INCOME TAX - RISKS & REWARDS  
FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY FY 2024-25



Address by Guest of Honour, Mr. D. P. Karnam, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal addressing on GST Do's & Don't for FY 24-25 : A Departmental Perspective



Address by Guest of Honour, Sri Manoj Kedia, IRS, Principal Commissioner, Kolkata North CGST & CX Commissionerate, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, on GST @ FY 2024-25 : Major foreseen critical issues in light of various Trade & Industry Representation : A Departmental Perspective



Audience at the Venue



Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director & Head of Indirect Taxes, AQUILAW addressing the Technical Session II



Address by Mr. Vivek Agarwal, Advocate & National Executive Member, AITP



Special Address by Justice Shripathi Ravindra Bhat, Former Judge of the Supreme Court of India on Analysis of Critical Issues in Income Tax TDS/TCS



## PROGRAMME

### SEMINAR ON GST & INCOME TAX - RISKS & REWARDS FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY FY 2024-25

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Dignitaries on the dais (L-R) Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Mr. D. P. Karnam, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, Sri Manoj Kedia, IRS, Principal Commissioner, Kolkata North CGST & CX Commissionerate, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Mr. Pulak Saha, Mentor, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dignitaries on the dais (L-R) Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director & Head of Indirect Taxes, AQUILAW, Mr. Vivek Agarwal, Advocate & National Executive Member, AIFTP, Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Special Address by Justice Md. Nizamuddin, Former Judge of the Calcutta High Court on Recent Kolkata High Court's Landmark Income Tax Judgements



Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant sharing his Special Address on Changes in ITRs for AY 24-25



Q&A session in progress



25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024,  
The Bengal Chamber premises

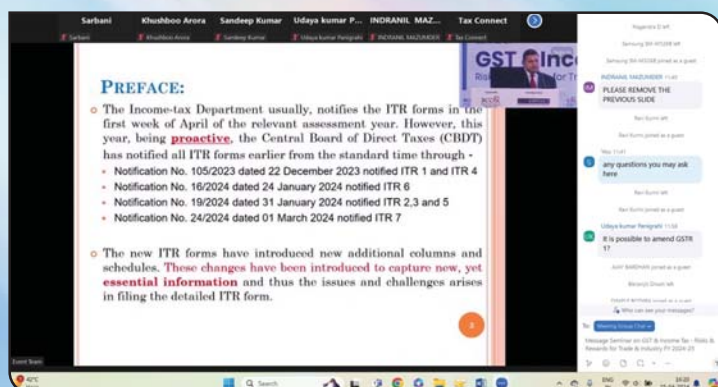
## SEMINAR ON GST & INCOME TAX - RISKS & REWARDS FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY FY 2024-25



Mr. Srouta Gopal Mukherji, Senior Deputy General Manager-Direct and Indirect Taxation, Exide Industries Ltd addressing on Direct Taxes: Industry Issues and representation before CBDT



Participants visiting Taxman stall at the Venue



Online participation

### UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Multisectoral Delegation to the United Kingdom- with focus on Net Zero, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024, London, Glasgow - United Kingdom

B2B Meetings with Delegation from Taiwan and Corporate Visit, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Taj Bengal and The Bengal Chamber premises

Ratnagarbha, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024, The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata

Regulatory Compliances under Customs in International Trade, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Virtual Platform

“Workshop on e-Waste Management- Awareness and Recycling Solution” in association with Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM Kolkata), 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, The Bengal Chamber Premises

B2B Meet at Andaman and Scuba in Havelock, 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Port Blair and Havelock

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Nursing Conclave, ‘Theme: Industry Expectations in New Era: Investing in Nurses on Upskilling’, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, The Bengal Chamber Premises

15<sup>th</sup> Edition of Business IT Conclave 2024, Theme : “Tech for Good”, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Taj City Centre Kolkata

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Tech-E Summit 2024, Theme: “Tech led growth – Interplay of dynamics by Start Ups, Entrepreneurs, Investors, Intrapreneurs”, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, Welcomhotel by ITC Hotels, Richmond Road, Bengaluru



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# NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

## ASANSOL ENGINEERING COLLEGE

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Educational Initiatives

**“Technova 2024” organized by Tech Club, AEC on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 :**

“TechNova 2024” was organized by Tech Club, Asansol Engineering College on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 by the Faculty coordinators of Tech club and the students of CSE and IT department. The events held were :

1. Paper presentation competition
2. Project Exhibition
3. Technical sessions by external professors.

The Judges were :

1. Dr. D R Kisku-NIT DGP
2. Shibrata Sinha, CTS and Alumni
3. Sougata Das, CTS and Alumni



HOSTEL PREMIER LEAGUE was organized by AEC Hostel committee in association with the Sports Committee from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024. More than 250 boarders of 3 Boys’ Hostels participated in

- ✓ Cricket Tournament
- ✓ Volley Ball

Tournament

held in the college playground.

A lot of enthusiasm was observed among the students of all the years. This initiative definitely fostered the extracurricular skills and

improved the bonding between the boarders.

Winner, Runner up, Man of the Match, Best Batsman, Best Bowler, Best WK prized were awarded to the achievers.



**“Photographer of the Month Feb” on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 by Photography Club, AEC**

Like every month, the Photography club of Asansol Engineering College organized of, “Photographer of the Month Feb” on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The winners were :

1. Sayantan Pandey, BCA
2. Amit Prasad, IT
3. Moumita Mukherjee, CSE

Event Coordinator :

- Sumanta Karmakar, Faculty Coordinator
- Bapi Kundu, Student Coordinator



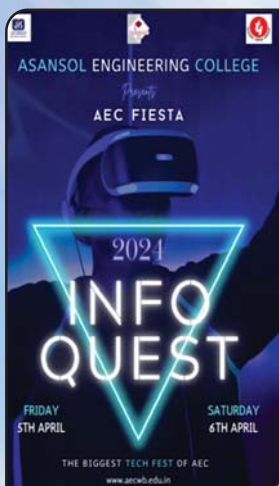
**Technical Talk on “Low Power Circuit Design” by ECE Dept on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

A Technical Talk was organized by ECE Department of Asansol Engineering College on “Low Power Circuit Design” by eminent professor Dr. Anup Dandapat, NIT, Meghalaya on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024. All together 130 students and 50 faculty members were there in that seminar cum webinar to make it a grand successful event.





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### AEC FIESTA on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 organized by Asansol Engineering College

AEC Fiesta comprises of

- Cultural Fest : LEGANZZA
- Technical Fest : INFOQUEST

and was scheduled on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

A large number of students participated in several different solo as well as team events with utmost enthusiasm and showcased their talents.

Apart from our students performances and participations two guest performances viz. Morphin Band and DJ was there to enlighten the events during the FIESTA days.

## GARGI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

### NSS Activities

The NSS Unit of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology and Fleming College of Pharmacy has successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp & Food packet distribution in the Nearest Mental Hospital "Antardarshan" on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, on the Occasion of 9<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Our Beloved Founder Chairman Late Shri. Dhurjoti Banerjee was an educationist, entrepreneur, and visionary in all aspects.

Smt. Pranati Saha, O.C. (Women Police), Baruipur, was the Chief Guest on that day. She was encouraging our NSS Unit for this type of commendable job.

30+ units of blood were collected by People's Blood Bank on that day.



### GEMISHA 2K24 @Annual Technical Fest

GEMISHA 2K24, the much-awaited annual technical fest of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology took place with great fervor and enthusiasm on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and showcased a plethora of technical competitions, exhibitions, and engaging activities that attracted participants from various institutes.

The inauguration ceremony marked the beginning of GEMISHA 2K24 with the lighting of the lamp by esteemed guests including Dr. Somnath Maiti, Principal, Prof. G. L. Datta, Chairman, Dr. Arnab Basu graced the occasion with an auspicious 'Ganesh Vandanaby our Student of CSBS, 2<sup>nd</sup> year'.

Approximately 300 participants contributed to the success of GEMISHA 2K24, making it a grand celebration of technology and innovation.

GEMISHA 2K24 was indeed a remarkable blend of talent, creativity, and technical prowess, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their skills, learn from each other, and foster a spirit of healthy competition within the technical community.

The day ended with an award-giving ceremony where winners and runners-up were honored with trophies, medals, and cash prizes, acknowledging their outstanding performances.

Several competitions took place on this day which are below :

1. INNOVA
2. WEB DERBY (WEB DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION)
3. BLUEPRINT BONANZA (TECHNICAL POSTER)
4. EUREKA (IDEA PRESENTATION)
5. MIND BLAZE (QUIZ)
6. BRIDGE THE GAP (BRIDGE MAKING COMPETITION)
7. DIGITAL ARENA (E-GAMING)
8. BOLT OF BRILLIANCE (ROBO WAR COMPETITION)





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### Technical Webinar on "Pole-placement based PID design with some applications"

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and the NDLI Club of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology (GMIT) have successfully organized a Technical Webinar on "Pole-placement based PID design with some applications" on 4th April 2024.



In this program, the honorable speaker, Prof. (Dr.) Arun Ghosh, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur delivered an informative and interactive session in the field of Control Systems. We believe that the knowledge shared during this webinar has been insightful for all participants.

## GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. The Department of Electronics & Computer Science @GNIT, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council & IIPC, organized a seminar on "Embedded IoT" on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Over 30 students from the Electronics and Computer Science department participated, with Ms. Bapita Roy, HOD of ECS, inaugurating the event. Mr. Abhijit Das, Co-Founder & Production Engineer at Adtronics Solutions, Kolkata, served as the keynote speaker, elucidating the fundamentals of IoT and emphasizing the practical implementation of embedded systems in projects.

The seminar aimed to furnish students with knowledge on IoT

utilizing various hardware systems. Attendees delved into Embedded IoT systems and explored their real-world applications through hands-on experiments. The event was structured to empower students with practical skills in Embedded IoT, fostering excitement and confidence among the participants.

The collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council & IIPC facilitated industry engagement, enhancing students' exposure to modern technologies and recent trends in IoT and its applications. The students not only acquired theoretical knowledge but also gained practical insights, paving the way for potential involvement in live projects with guided support.



### 2. Alumni Meet @EE @GNIT

The Department of Electrical Engineering @ GNIT organized an Alumni Meet on March 11, 2024, held at the institute's Seminar Hall. The event achieved resounding success, uniting alumni from diverse batches to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate their shared journey at GNIT. Dr. Barnali Kundu, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, GNIT, commenced the program with a warm Welcome Address, setting the tone for an engaging and enriching gathering.

Distinguished alumni graced the occasion, including Mr. Krishnendu Jana, Mr. Parnab Goswami, Mr. Indranil Som, Mr. Avinash Paul, and Mr. Satyaki Nag. Notably, Mr. Jana, Mr. Goswami, and Mr. Som, all from the 2017 batch, played pivotal roles in the successful launch of India's first underwater East West Metro in Kolkata, as integral members of the Hitachi team. Their contributions were recognized

with special awards from KMRCL, adding a prestigious layer to their alma mater's legacy.

A highlight of the event was a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Susovan Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, GNIT, focusing on the challenges and triumphs of running the metro under the river Hooghly for the first time in the country. The alumni shared invaluable insights into their journey, enriching the discourse for attendees. Outstanding alumni like Mr. Avinash Paul and Mr. Satyaki Nag were honored for their remarkable contributions to their fields and society, underscoring GNIT's commitment to nurturing excellence. The event fostered meaningful connections and dialogue, with over 45 students actively participating in discussions, demonstrating their enthusiasm for learning from the experiences shared.

Dr. Suman Ghosh, Assistant Professor, EE Dept, efficiently coordinated



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the program, ensuring its smooth execution. The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude expressed by Dr. Barnali Kundu, acknowledging the collective efforts that made the Alumni Meet a memorable success.



### 3. One-day Seminar on Data Science: From Delusion to Reality @ECE @IIC @EDC @Departmental T&P @GNIT

The Dept of Electronics and Communication Engineering in collaboration with IIC cell, EDC cell and Departmental T&P cell of GNIT organized a One-day Seminar on Data Science : From Delusion to Reality, at GNIT, on March 12, 2024.

Dr. Zia Khurshid, a distinguished educationist with a PhD from IIT Kharagpur and the Founder of AIPlatter, led the seminar. He delivered an enlightening session on the relevance and applications of data science in the field of Electronics & Communication Engineering,

bridging the gap between theoretical concepts and practical industry applications. Attendees gained insight into the significance of data science across diverse industries through real-life examples and case studies, elucidating its tangible impact.

A total of 142 students from the second and third years participated, actively engaging in the interactive session that concluded the program. The event, coordinated by Anurima Majumdar, Asst Prof, ECE successfully fulfilled its objective of providing a comprehensive understanding of data science while addressing contemporary challenges and fostering practical knowledge amongst the attendees.



### 4. EuphoniousXZyzzva 2k24, the Inter-Institutional Cultural Competition and Cultural Fest of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, organized during 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, commenced with a grand inauguration that paid homage to Late Sardar Jodh Singhji, Founder-JIS and to Chairperson of JIS Group, Late Sardarni Satnam.

The event, led by Prof. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, began with speeches by the Principal and by Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar, GNIT, followed by an auspicious lamp lighting ceremony. GNIT's cultural team delivered an instrumental tribute to Satyajit Ray, captivating the audience. The ceremony concluded with acknowledgments to sponsors, organizers, and teams, along with a vote of thanks from the convener.

Anchored by Mr. Ankush Chatterjee and Ms. Sanjukta Banik, the event showcased warmth, with notable figures such as Cultural Teacher Convener Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti and Cultural Leads Ms. Astha Sarkar and Mr. Sanket Sensharma adding depth to the collaborative effort. This inauguration set the stage for a two-day extravaganza promising a memorable experience for all attendees.

### Events include Mudra, Collision, Gandhar, Prangan, Wings of Words, The Red Carpet

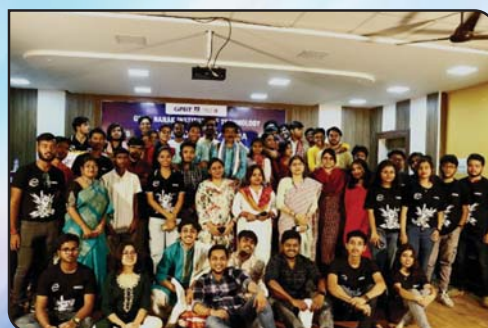
Guest artist performances added further excitement to the fest. "Somlata and the Aces" mesmerized the audience with their melodious tunes on the first day, while TRAP and DJ Nilashree rocked the stage on the second day, despite heavy rain. The energetic performances left a lasting impression, ensuring that the festivities continued with full enthusiasm until the very end.

EuphoniousXZyzzva 2k24 proved to be a spectacular celebration of culture, talent, and collaboration, leaving participants and attendees with cherished memories and a sense of camaraderie.





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5. The Department of Applied Science & Humanities recently inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Entrepreneurship Network, operating as the Wadhvani Operation Foundation (WOF), headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The signing ceremony witnessed the presence of key dignitaries including Mr. Subhabrata Bhattacharjee, Senior Program Manager at Wadhvani Foundation, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti, Head of Department at ASHU, and Dr. Sucharita Bhattacharyya, Diploma In-charge, alongside esteemed faculty and technical staff members of the ASHU Department.

The primary objectives of the MoU are multifaceted :

- It focuses on empowering budding entrepreneurs through student interventions.
- Its aim is to cultivate entrepreneurial skills and mindset among students, equipping them with practical insights into the journey of establishing a successful startup.
- The Foundation provides support to students, guiding them from problem identification and idea generation to the validation and pitching stages of a business idea, facilitated through live online interactive workshop series, templates, and other learning resources.



- Under the MoU, the Foundation will grant access to its curated "Wadhvani Curricula, Content, and Methodology" to the Partner Institute and/or students, fostering a conducive learning environment.
- Workshops, along with content, tools, and resources, will be facilitated by the Foundation to nurture aspiring entrepreneurs within the purview of the Program.
- Moreover, the Foundation will extend assistance to the Partner Institute by providing digital marketing materials to promote and organize the Foundation's Program effectively.

This MoU, effective since March 15, 2024, aligns with the institute's policy to collaborate with the Wadhvani Foundation, specifically targeting sessions on Design Thinking within the B.Tech. 1st Year, 2nd Semester curriculum, incorporating the principles of the National Education Policy 2020.

It promises to open avenues for students in education, research, and development within the realm of entrepreneurship, as depicted in the attached snapshots of the signing ceremony.



### 6. 5-day Faculty Development Programme on "Upgrading Digital Pedagogy Skills for Teacher Empowerment" @IT @ASHU @BHM @GNIT

A 5-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Upgrading Digital Pedagogy Skills for Teacher Empowerment" was held from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, in a hybrid mode, combining both in-person and virtual attendance. Organized jointly by the Departments of Information Technology, Applied Science & Humanities, and Hospital Management of GNIT, the FDP aimed to equip educators with advanced digital teaching methodologies to thrive in modern educational settings.

The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by Padmashree Professor Ajoy Kumar Ray, Chief Guest; Prof. Dr. Swarup Kr. Mitra, Principal of GNIT; Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakraborty, Registrar; and all Heads of Departments. The keynote address delivered by

Professor Ajoy Kumar Ray set a promising tone for the sessions to follow, emphasizing the importance of embracing digital pedagogy in contemporary teaching practices.

Over the course of five days, renowned speakers shared their expertise on various topics pertinent to digital pedagogy. Dr. Soumya Sen delved into the intricacies of understanding RAG and Vector Database for Generative AI, providing insights into cutting-edge technologies shaping the educational landscape. Prof. Dilip P. Barad explored "The Future of Learning," shedding light on the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into digital pedagogy, offering a glimpse into the evolving educational paradigms.

Dr. Pratima Chatterjee's session on the "Impact of ICT over Digital Pedagogy" emphasized the transformative role of information and communication technology (ICT) in reshaping teaching methodologies. Dr. Supreeti Kamilya's discourse on "Digital Pedagogy:



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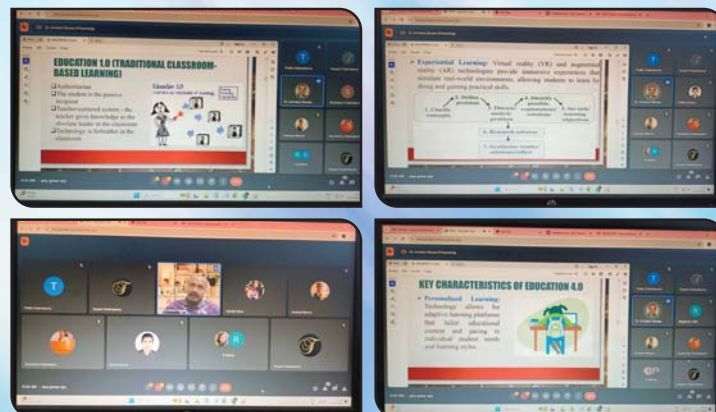
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Foundation for Educational Tools" underscored the significance of digital literacy and innovative tools in enhancing the teaching-learning process.

Mr. P. Narayanan shared insights into the latest trends in digital penetration in the hospital industry, highlighting the importance of incorporating industry-specific knowledge into educational practices. Dr. A Biswas explored the concept of Education 4.0, emphasizing the integration of emerging technologies to create adaptive and personalized learning experiences. Dr. Amitava Choudhury concluded the sessions with a discussion on "Innovative Strategies," focusing on harnessing technology effectively to enhance teaching outcomes.

Throughout the FDP, participants engaged in interactive Q&A sessions, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange. The event anchors, Dr. Indrajit Bose, Dr. Sreyasree Basu, Ms. Namrata Chakraborty, and Mr. Tarpan Chakrabarty, skillfully facilitated the sessions, ensuring smooth proceedings and active participation from all attendees.

The 5-day FDP on "Upgrading Digital Pedagogy Skills for Teacher Empowerment" provided a platform for educators to gain insights into the latest trends and practices in digital teaching methodologies.



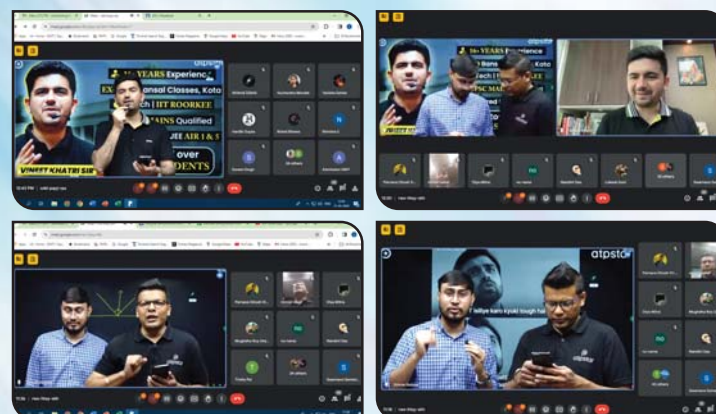
### 7. Mentorship Session on WBJEE | JEE MAINS | CEE AMPAI BY ATP STAR KOTA (YOUTUBER VINEET KHATRI)

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology conducted a comprehensive Online Mentorship Session on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, targeting aspirants preparing for JEE MAINS, WBJEE, and CEE-AMPAI Entrance Examinations.

The event, organized in collaboration with Mr. Vineet Khatri and his team from ATP STAR Kota (Rajasthan), attracted over 250 participants from diverse educational backgrounds. The live session provided a unique opportunity for aspiring students to engage directly with experienced mentors, receiving personalized guidance and clarifications on their queries.

Mr. Khatri's team, renowned for their expertise in competitive exam preparation, ensured thorough support to the attendees. The

collaborative effort between GNIT and ATP STAR Kota facilitated a dynamic learning environment, empowering aspirants with invaluable insights and strategies crucial for excelling in their respective entrance examinations.



### 8. BASANTOTSAB @GNIT

The Cultural Committee of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology organized a vibrant cultural program on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, honoring the regional festival of 'Dolyatra' alongside the national celebration of colors, 'Holi.'

Named "Basantotsab," the event embodied the spirit of spring with

an array of colors and music. Faculty and staff enthusiastically engaged in song, dance, and recitations, fostering a sense of community and celebration. The event not only celebrated cultural diversity but also promoted camaraderie and unity among members of the institution. It served as a platform to embrace traditions and rejoice in the vibrant tapestry of Indian festivals.





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On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Electronics & Computer Science (ECS) Department @GNIT inaugurated their wall magazine, "NIRVANA", under the coordination of Ms. Bapita Roy, HOD, ECS Department, with joint coordinators Ms. Saswati Chatterjee and Ms. Nabamita Paul. The event was attended by Dr Swarup Kr Mitra, Principal; faculty members; and students of the department, showcasing the department's support for student creativity.

"NIRVANA" featured artworks, quotes, photographs, stories, and designs from the departmental students, reflecting their diverse

talents. The inauguration fostered a sense of unity and inspiration among attendees.

The event took place at the Electronics & Computer Science department, with 30 participants. The proceedings included the unveiling of the magazine, speeches from faculty members, and student presentations. The event aimed to highlight student creativity and encourage active participation in collaborative projects.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, emphasizing the importance of such events in fostering community spirit and creativity within the department.

**10. Industry Mentor Meet: on Bakery Industry in FMCG Business @FT @GNIT**

The Industry Mentor Meet on Bakery Industry in FMCG Business, organized by the Department of Food Technology @GNIT, proved to be a highly informative and interactive session held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal at GNIT, and Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, HOD of FT, inaugurated the session.

Mr. Diptanjan Banerjee, Assistant Manager Manufacturing at ITC Limited, provided insights into the growth and dynamics of the FMCG industry, offering practical problem-solving skills relevant to placement interviews for students. The session aimed to enhance

students' understanding of the FMCG bakery industry and the challenges faced by production managers.

The Industry Mentor Meet provided valuable insights for all participants, offering an exclusive overview of the FMCG bakery industry. The session served as a platform for mentees to exchange achievements, challenges, and learning needs with their mentors. The event focused on defining industry-specific roles and approaches in the Bakery Industry within the FMCG sector.

Feedback from the participants was collected, ensuring engagement and interaction. Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar coordinated the event, and Ms. Jayshree Majumdar, extended gratitude to the guest speaker and audience.





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**11. The Workshop on Social Awareness on Food Safety**, hosted by the Department of Food Technology @GNIT, on April 9, 2024, addressed the pressing global issue of food safety. Despite advancements in production and regulation, food borne illnesses continue to affect millions annually due to inadequate consumer awareness. The workshop aimed to bridge this gap by enhancing social awareness among school and diploma institute students, empowering them to make informed decisions about their food choices and habits.

The event commenced with opening remarks from Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, and Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakraborty, Registrar, emphasizing the significance of creating awareness on food safety. Dr. Sunita Adhikari (Pramanik), Head and Associate Professor at Jadavpur University, delivered a technical session on common methods for detecting food adulteration. Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, HOD of the Department of Food Technology, discussed pertinent issues in food safety, security, and sustainability.

The workshop featured interactive sessions and hands-on training, allowing participants to engage in practical experiments related to food adulteration detection, microbial analysis, and safe processed food production. Faculty members such as Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, Ms. Monika Paul, Ms. Shairee Ganguly, Mr. Shubhobrata Saha, Ms. Riya Dasgupta, Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, Mr. Saikat Mazumder, Ms. Jayshree Majumdar, and Mr. Amit Barman demonstrated various aspects of ensuring food safety, security, and sustainability through live demonstrations and discussions.

The outcomes of the workshop included increased knowledge and awareness of food safety principles among school students, adoption of safe food handling practices in their daily lives, and empowerment to advocate for food safety within their communities. The event concluded with positive feedback from teachers and students, indicating a clear understanding of the importance of food safety, security, and sustainability.



## 12. Wall Magazine : "Prayas" @Pi Day Celebration @ASHU @GNIT

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities unveiled "Prayas", a vibrant wall magazine, dedicated to showcasing the creative endeavors of students and faculty. The esteemed occasion was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr. Swarup Kr Mitra, the Principal of the institute, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti, HoD@ASHU, and other faculty members of the department.

The inauguration of "Prayas" was aligned with the global celebration of Pi Day, symbolizing the inherent connection between creativity, innovation, and intellectual exploration. The magazine embodies

the spirit of endeavor and the relentless pursuit of excellence, serving as a platform for individuals to express themselves through various artistic and literary forms.

"Prayas", inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Swarup Kr Mitra, encapsulates the diverse talents and perspectives through its thought-provoking articles, captivating artwork, and insightful poetry.

With the unwavering support of the faculty and students, "Prayas" promises to evolve into a beacon of creativity, innovation, and intellectual discourse, enriching the cultural fabric of the institution for years to come.





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### 13. GNIT Awareness Session : The Festival of Democracy: Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities, in collaboration with the Institution Innovation Council of GNIT, orchestrated an Awareness Session titled "The Festival of Democracy : Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" This initiative aimed to enlighten 1st Year students, eligible for their maiden voting experience, about the essence and significance of exercising their democratic right for the betterment of the nation.

Esteemed facilitators, Dr. Monisha Sarkar (Sinha), HOD-English at East Calcutta Girls College, and Dr. Shubh Brat Sarkar, HOD-English at Rishi Bankim Chandra College, graced the event. They were joined by Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar, and Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti, HOD of ASHU.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to the facilitators, followed by a felicitation ceremony by the Registrar and HOD-ASHU. Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakraborty delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the enlightening session ahead.

Dr. Shubh Brat Sarkar captivated the audience with an inspirational speech, shedding light on the paramount importance of exercising one's right to vote. Through motivational anecdotes, he emphasized the significance of active participation in the democratic process, instilling a sense of duty and responsibility among the attendees.

Interactive sessions were designed to educate and entertain, incorporating stand-up comedy performances and edited songs to convey messages about different candidate types and the electoral process. A Quiz on voting and democracy followed, focusing on GATE Question Patterns, encouraging student engagement and knowledge enhancement.

The JAM Session segment invited students to pick topics from a bucket and speak on them for a minute in English. Lively debates and insightful discussions ensued on topics ranging from voting and patriotism to process of voting and the role of technology in modern elections.

The event concluded on a high note with a group photo capturing the spirit of unity and enthusiasm among the participants, leaving

students feeling inspired and empowered to positively contribute to the democratic fabric of the nation.

Heartfelt gratitude was extended to facilitators Dr. Manisha Sarkar Sinha and Dr. Shubh Brat Sarkar for their invaluable guidance and support in organizing the event. Appreciation was also expressed to all participants for their active involvement, making the session a resounding success.

The special awareness session on the festival of democracy served as a platform for learning, inspiration, and empowerment, reaffirming the commitment to being responsible citizens and active participants in shaping the nation's future.





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### 14. Naba Anande Jago @Poila Baishakh @GNIT

The Cultural Committee of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology organized a memorable celebration on the eve of Poila Baishakh, titled "Naba Anande Jago", which unfolded as a grand cultural spectacle. This event, adorned with the timeless charm of Rabindra Sangeet, featured the illustrious singer, Shri Mohan Singh Khangura, captivating the audience with his unparalleled artistry.

The evening commenced with the resonating words of Prof Dr Swarup Kr Mitra, Principal, GNIT, whose inaugural address set a tone of inspiration. The traditional lamp-lighting ceremony marked the auspicious beginning, invoking blessings for the festivities ahead. A pivotal moment of the event was the felicitation of Shri Mohan Singh by the Principal, acknowledging his remarkable contributions to the realm of music. With accolades such as the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and the Bangobibhushan Award, Shri Mohan Singh's presence underscored the event's significance, showcasing not only his musical virtuosity but also GNIT's commitment to cultural enrichment.

His performance was a mesmerizing voyage through the melodies of Rabindra Sangeet, leaving the audience enchanted by his talent and depth. Each note resonated with emotion, weaving a tapestry of musical excellence that lingered long after the performance concluded.

The event was further elevated by the participation of other eminent musicians. Shri Arindam Mukherjee's tabla, Sitangshu Majumder's keyboard, and the rhythmic accompaniment of Sanjivan Acharya and Shri Biplab Mondal on the mandira and metronome, respectively, added layers of harmony and rhythm, enriching the auditory experience.

The press and media provided extensive coverage of the event, ensuring that the enchanting moments of "Naba Anande Jago" reverberated far beyond the confines of GNIT. Media houses such

as Khoborpremi, Voice of Kolkata, and 24hrsTv captured snapshots of the evening, immortalizing its essence for a wider audience.

Through events like these, GNIT fosters a deep appreciation for the rich tapestry of India's cultural heritage, ensuring that its legacy endures for generations to come.



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### Education Fair 2024 (organised by MAX Career) recently concluded in West Midnapore

Snapshots of the Education Fair 2024 (organised by MAX Career) recently concluded in West Midnapore district where JIS University

participated along with other JIS GROUP colleges at Jhargram on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Debra on 10<sup>th</sup> March and Chandrakona Road on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. We received positive interest and enthusiasm from the aspiring students who have completed their Class 12 Board exams for Undergraduate programs.





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### Dr. Souvik Chatterjee represented JIS University at the Legal Aid Program

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 in KalyaniMahakuma District Legal Aid program, Chakdah Dr. Souvik Chatterji, HOD, Law, JIS University spoke on child

rights Juvenile Justice, POCSO. Lokayukt . Justice Asim Kumar Dey, Mukul Biswas, Calcutta High Court Council Asim Kumar Dey talked about free legal service by DLSA .



### Faculty of Education, JIS University pre-celebrated World Water Day

Faculty of Education, JIS University pre-celebrated World Water Day (22<sup>nd</sup> March) on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 at the University campus. On this

occasion, the department organized a poster making competition. We welcomed students of class 6 to 8 from a school to unleash their creativity and promote awareness on Water Conservation. Students from Sinthi RBT Vidyapith (H.S) School participated in this competition at the JIS University auditorium from 12 pm onwards.



### Basanta Utsav Celebration by Faculty of Education

Life becomes more beautiful if we fill colors into it. To fill the colours in life during academic years on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, the Faculty of Education, JIS University celebrated the festival of colours as **Basanta Utsav** with students of all the semester in the presence of

their HOD and other faculty members. Students from each semester participated heartily and spread the positivity, colours and festive vibes all around through their cultural performances. The celebration was conducted in the Auditorium of JIS University. At the end of the celebration a mesmerizing rally was taken out at the JIS Ground and some group memories were captured.



### JIS University participated at the Education and Career fair at Bankura

JIS University participated at the Education and Career fair at Bankura organized by Global Academy on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 along with other leading institutions of Kolkata. We received positive interest and enthusiasm among the 10+2 exam appearing students for our UG courses.





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### Invited talk by Dr. Dipankar Ghosh of MEAB, Dept. of Biosciences at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College

We are glad to share that Dr. Dipankar Ghosh, Associate Professor and PI of Microbial Engineering & Algal Biotechnology Laboratory (MEAB) in the Department of Biosciences, JIS University, Kolkata had delivered an Invited Talk on Algae for Industrial Applications in International Conference on the present status of cancer and other emerging diseases and remedy including homa therapy on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024 at Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College (Autonomous), Rahara. Moreover, MEAB Team members (Mr. Sayan Adhikary and Ms. Srijaa Sau) presented scientific posters in this great occasion. Congratulations to Dr. Ghosh and

his MEAB Research team for their achievement on behalf of JIS University.



### Faculty of Agricultural Science organised an exposure visit to AICRP

On 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 Faculty of Agricultural Science organised an exposure visit to AICRP on Integrated Farming System farm at Gayeshpur, BCKV for educational purposes. The visit is intended for the students from the 6<sup>th</sup> semester of the Faculty of Agricultural Science at JIS University. The objective of this visit is to provide our students with practical insights into the integrated farming systems and technologies. It aligns with our academic curriculum, aiming to enhance their understanding of the subject matter, beyond the theoretical aspects. Professor Manabendra Roy, Dept. of Agronomy,

BCKV enlightened the whole integrated farming system to our students.



### Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering celebrates বসন্ত উৎসব on 1st April 2024

To fill the colors in life during academic years, the Faculty of CSE, JIS University celebrated the festival of colors as "Basanta Utsav" on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 (Monday) with students of all the semesters in

the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, their HOD, and all other faculty members. Students from each semester participated heartily and spread positivity, colors, and festive vibes all around through their cultural performances. The celebration was conducted in the Auditorium of JIS University and at the end of the celebration, some group memories were captured.



### Faculty of Agricultural Science arranged an exposure visit of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April Faculty of Agricultural Science arranged an exposure visit of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester students of B.Sc. Agricultural Science on "Alternate cultivation of Horticultural crops and identification of their marketing channel". They met two successful farmers - Sri Dibyendu Biswas and Sri Badal Mondal at Matikumra, Ranaghat 2 block, Nadia and visited their farms. Sri Badal Mondal received President' Award from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as a successful entrepreneur on Alternate Agriculture. They interacted with our students and we visited their farms. Nearly 40 students and 3 faculty members (Horticulture, Agricultural Economics and Dean of

Agricultural Science) were present. The students also gained practical knowledge about the innovative techniques adopted for the cultivation of Dragon fruit crops. Students were very happy and enthusiastic for this particular practical exposure. Glimpses of the visit are shared.





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Educational Initiatives

### Youth Empowerment and Skills" (YES) Program by Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education at JIS University organized a 4 days workshop named "Youth Empowerment and Skills" (YES!+) on Sudarshan Kriya, a rhythmic breathing technique and dynamic group activities that promotes physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being. This workshop is a part of the MoU signed between JIS University and Art of Living. The whole 4 days' workshop being conducted by Dr. Subinoy Das (PhD Physics, Scientist, IIA Bangalore), Dr. Banani Chakraborty (PhD Bio Chemistry, DNA Nano Scientist, IISC Bangalore)

and Dr. Tanusree Chakraborty (PhD Civil, Professor, IIT Delhi). The workshop aimed to introduce students to the practice and its potential benefits in managing stress, enhancing focus, and promoting overall wellness. The session explained the principles and benefits of Sudarshan Kriya, including its effects on the autonomic nervous system, stress reduction, and emotional regulation. The practical demonstration highlighted the importance of proper technique and mindfulness. The interactive session allowed participants to ask questions, share experiences, and discuss strategies for integrating Sudarshan Kriya into their daily routines.



### On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 Faculty of Agricultural Science organized an exposure visit

On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 Faculty of Agricultural Science organized an exposure visit of our second semester students to AICRP Betel vine Project Laboratory, under the Directorate of Research, BCKV, Kalyani. The purpose of the visit is to expose our students with practical insights into the plant pathological machinery, operating techniques and technologies employed in the laboratory. It aligns with our academic curriculum, aiming to enhance their understanding of the subject matter beyond the theoretical aspects. The students were

greatly benefitted and enjoyed the programme. Nearly 20 students and concerned Assistant Professor, Amitava Mondal accompanied them.



### Faculty of Agricultural Science organized an exposure visit on 5<sup>th</sup> April of our students to ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Regional Research Station

Faculty of Agricultural Science organized an exposure visit on 5<sup>th</sup> April of our students to ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Regional Research Station (RRS), Canning Town, South 24 Parganas for educational purposes. The visit is intended for the students of 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester of B.Sc Agricultural Science. Our faculty members Mr. Mahafuzar Rahaman and Dr. Devayan Chatterjee accompanied the students. The objective of this visit was to provide our students with practical insights into the innovative technologies for enhancement of agricultural (agriculture + fisheries) productivity under degraded (saline) coastal soils and poor water (saline) qualities. It aligns well with our academic curriculum, aiming to enhance their

understanding of the subject matter beyond the theoretical aspects. Dr. Dhiman Barman (Head and Principle Scientist) along with Dr. Uttam Kumar Mandal (Principal Scientist) and Dr. Tashi Darjee Lama (Principal Scientist) enlightened the whole science behind the management of problematic soils to our students thoroughly. This visit was very much helpful for the students to understand the subject.





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### FDP on "Research and Academia : Mutual Enrichment in Pharmaceutical Sciences" at the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology , JIS University

On 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 (Saturday) marked the beginning of the insightful FDP on "Research and Academia : Mutual Enrichment in Pharmaceutical Sciences" at the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology , JIS University. Distinguished Professors Biswajit Mukherjee from Jadavpur University, Kolkata and Richa Dayaramani from Silver Oak Institute of Pharmacy & Research, Gujarat, India, shed light on the fascinating realms of Cancer Research and Artificial Intelligence, captivating the audience with their profound insights. This enlightening event unfolded at the prestigious auditorium of JIS University, witnessing a vibrant gathering of participants from diverse organizations both physically and virtually.



### A heartwarming collaboration between the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Technology, JIS University and 'দিংসারথচেষ্টা'

Spreading joy and warmth by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Technology, in a heartwarming collaboration between the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Technology, JIS University and 'দিংসারথচেষ্টা', 31 children and 23 elderly persons at Agartara, West Bengal, have received the gift of new clothes in preparation for the Eid festival.

### Dr. Indranil Mutsuddi, HOD, Faculty of Management Studies being awarded with the Best Paper Award at the International Conference organized by GNIOT Institute of Management Studies

On behalf of JIS University we would like to congratulate Dr. Indranil Mutsuddi, HOD, Faculty of Management Studies being awarded with the Best Paper Award at the International Conference organized by GNIOT Institute of Management Studies, Greater Noida. We appreciate Dr. Mutsuddi for encouraging and motivating the students for his research work.



### Extending Industry-Academia Collaborations

On 9<sup>th</sup> April The Training and Placement division of JIS University launched the 3<sup>rd</sup> Life Science Training program covering

Pharmacovigilance, Medical Writing, & Medical Device Reporting for Pharma and Life Sciences students at JIS University campus, in association with WIPRO. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Wipro-JIS collaboration.

