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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



30th April, 2026

Shubho Nababarsho! Warm greetings from The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I).

As we ushered in the Bengali New Year alongside the commencement of a new financial year, we did so with renewed optimism, fresh aspirations, and a shared commitment towards growth and progress. This is a time for new beginnings, and we look forward to strengthening our collective efforts in the months ahead.

As we step into FY 2026–27, India's economic outlook continues to remain strong and resilient. The country is projected to maintain its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, with GDP growth estimated at around 6.4%. This momentum is being driven by a robust services sector, rising domestic demand, and a growing emphasis on sustainability through the expansion of the green economy. Strategic policy initiatives, including enhanced infrastructure spending and continued focus on manufacturing through PLI schemes and semiconductor development, are expected to further reinforce India's global competitiveness despite evolving geopolitical and economic challenges.

In March, BCC&I organized several programmes across the country, including : A special session on "Commercial

Arbitration and Conciliation"; 3rd Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz in Bangalore and From Conflict to Crop: Safeguarding India's Food Security Amid West Asia Disruptions in Kolkata.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce our upcoming programmes in Kolkata, including : 13th Edition of Ratnagarbha (on the eve of Mother's Day) on 10th May 2026, 1st Edition of FIFA World Cup Quiz on 6th June 2026 along with other thematic discussions and engagements that will continue to foster dialogue, innovation, and collaboration.

I offer my profound appreciation to the Managing Committee, Chairpersons, Mentors, Co-Chairpersons, and all committee members for their unwavering dedication towards the Chamber. With your continued support we are hopeful that the Chamber will lead to be the strategic architect, shaping the identity of our economy ensuring that its stakeholders are not just participants in the economy, but the leaders defining its future.

Sd/-
Abhijit Roy
President

PROGRAMME

5th EDITION OF SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE COURSE ON CYBER SECURITY 2026 HYBRID MODE

14th February 2026 onwards



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in association with Institute of Advanced Learning and Skill Development, organized 5th Edition of Cyber Security Course 2026 at Jagriti Dham premises; focusing on four extremely critical areas :

- *AI-Powered Cyber Attacks & Defenses*
- *Deepfake, Voice Cloning & Synthetic Identity Threats*
- *Ransomware Evolution & RansomOps*
- *Supply Chain & 3rd-Party Risk Attacks*
- *OT & ICS Security in Smart Manufacturing*
- *Cloud & Kubernetes Security Breaches*
- *Advanced Red Teaming & Adversarial Simulation*
- *IoT Security*
- *Digital Forensics & Incident Response (DFIR)*

It was a 24 hours course in immersive mode :

- **14th February 2026** (AI-driven Cyber Offense, AI Reconnaissance, AI Malware Evasion, AI SOC Automation, Deepfake Creation Pipeline, Voice Synthesis, Synthetic Identity Fraud Risk) physically
- **20th February 2026** (Ransomware Lifecycle, Modern Extortion, Double/Triple Extortion) virtually
- **27th February 2026** (Dependency Poisoning, vendor compromise, Shadow IT) virtually
- **7th March 2026** (ICS/SCADA Architecture, PLC Risk, IT/OT Convergence Risk among others) physically
- **13th March 2026** (IoT Firmware Risk, Smart Device Takeover, IoT Botnets) virtually
- **28th March 2026** (Forensic IR Cycle, Evidence Chain, Endpoint Triage, Award Ceremony) physically

This year the Course had total 39 participants from various sectors including steel and metal, energy, manufacturing, oil and gas, technology, entertainment, consultancy among others.

The nominations were from Esteemed Organizations such as, Rashmi Group, SVF Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., Air Water India Pvt. Ltd., Mjunction Services Ltd., Berger Paints India, Oproprise Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Gainwell, BT Group, Jupiter Wagons, Infinity Infotech Parks Pvt. Ltd, Codeclouds, Keventer Agro, Shyam Steel, RPSG Ventures, Centuryply, Balmer Lawrie, Logarythm Consultancy.

Objective :

Equipped to orchestrate advanced adversarial simulations, ensuring organizational resilience against the most complex contemporary cyber threats.

Learning Outcome :

Upon completion of this course, it is expected that the participants will possess a sophisticated understanding of modern threat landscape, specifically the convergence of artificial intelligence and adversarial tactics. They will gain the technical proficiency to neutralize evolved RansomOps. Furthermore, the course empowers individuals to master Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR) while mitigating risks associated with synthetic identities and supply chain vulnerabilities.

The course on Cyber Security is an annual engagement of BCC&I. Last four years covered Vulnerability Management and Social Engineering in 2022 and Ransomware, Data Privacy in 2023, Digital Personal Data Protection Act in 2024 and Cloud Security, Darkweb Monitoring, Attack Surface Monitoring and API Security in 2025.

Like previous year, this year also, some of the Industry Stalwarts who are also part of The Chamber's IT Committee shared their inputs and insights during the course through conducting brief discussion sessions with the participants. On the Inaugural day, 14th February 2026, **Mr. N K Ghosal**, Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mentor, WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Center and Director, NKG & Associates delivered the welcome address of the course allowing the participants to set the context of the forthcoming 24 hours course module and the significance of the captioned topics in their professional operations.

The concluding session of the course was followed by certificate distribution and The Bengal Chamber Secretariat along with the Faculty of the Course presented the joint certificates (Institute of Advanced Learning and Skill Development and The Bengal Chamber) to the participants and prizes to the winners of the Quiz conducted during the Course.

5th EDITION OF SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE COURSE ON CYBER SECURITY 2026 HYBRID MODE

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Mr. N K Ghosal, Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mentor, WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Center and Director, NKG & Associates delivering the Welcome Address of the 5th Edition of Cyber Security Course 2026



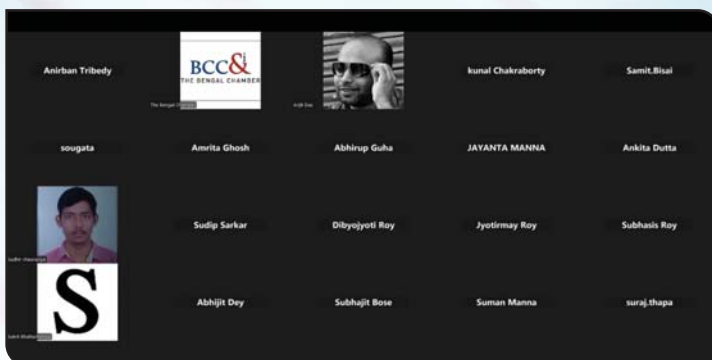
Mr. Abhirup Guha, Sr. Security Consultant and the faculty of the course conducting the physical class at Jagriti Dham



Packed room of participants immersed in the engaging course



Glimpses of Prize distribution to the Winners of the Quiz round



Glimpses from the Virtual classes of the 5th Edition of Cyber Security Course 2026

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I), in collaboration with PRADAN, successfully organised Krishi Sanjog 2026, a two-day initiative aimed at strengthening market linkages between Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and institutional buyers. The programme brought together diverse stakeholders across the value chain to address the critical gap between primary producers and end markets, with a focus on enabling sustainable and inclusive rural livelihoods.

Objectives

- Strengthen market linkages between FPOs and institutional buyers
- Enhance farmer incomes through aggregation and value addition
- Promote branding, packaging, and market readiness
- Facilitate access to finance and credit
- Build capacity of FPOs for sustainable growth
- Foster collaboration across stakeholders
- Empower women-led and tribal producer collectives

Day 1 : Market Linkages and Industry Interface**Inaugural Session**

The programme commenced with an inaugural session that set the context for strengthening rural market ecosystems. The discussion highlighted the growing importance of FPOs in enabling aggregation, improving market access, and supporting income enhancement. The need for stronger institutional partnerships and financial inclusion was emphasised as key drivers for building sustainable value chains.

Key Speakers :

- Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Mentor – Agri-Horti-Food Processing & Rural Development National Committee, BCC&I
- Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, PRADAN
- Mr. Barun Kumar, HDFC, Secretary, PNRD
- FPO Representatives from West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand

Industry Voice Sessions

The industry sessions focused on understanding market dynamics from the perspective of institutional buyers and digital platforms. Discussions covered procurement requirements, quality standards, supply consistency, and logistical challenges, along with opportunities emerging through e-commerce channels.

Industry Participants :

- Mr. Somnath Basak, Regional Sustainability Manager – East, Reliance Retail Ltd
- Mr. Palash Chowdhury, Reliance Retail Ltd
- Mr. Biswajit Bose, Spencer's Retail Ltd
- Ms. Puja Biswas, Dream Home Foundation
- Mr. Debyeet Bhattacharyya, Flipkart
- Mr. Arnab Bhattacharya, Gigi's Solutex Corporation
- Ms. Sonchita Banerjee Das, Navanya by JBL Spice
- Ms. Suchitra Binani, Nani's Garden

The discussions provided clarity on buyer expectations and highlighted the importance of standardisation, packaging, and reliable supply systems.

Buyer–Seller Meet and Product Showcase

The Buyer–Seller Meet enabled direct engagement between FPOs and leading buyers, supported by a product showcase that allowed participants to present their offerings and initiate business discussions.

Participating buyers included **Reliance Retail Ltd, Spencer's Retail Ltd, Flipkart, Dream Home Foundation, Gigi's Solutex Corporation, Navanya by JBL Spice, and Nani's Garden.**

The session resulted in initial procurement discussions, better alignment on quality and logistics requirements, and the emergence of potential long-term partnerships.

Voices from the Field

This segment captured grassroots perspectives from FPO members, highlighting practical challenges in production, aggregation, and market access. The discussion underscored the need for capacity building, improved infrastructure, and continuous institutional support.

Panel Discussion : Marketing Challenges and Way Forward

The panel discussion addressed key bottlenecks in branding, positioning, and demand aggregation. It emphasised the importance of collaborative approaches, stronger ecosystem linkages, and strategic interventions to enhance supply consistency and market competitiveness.

Panel Representatives :

- Mr. Debanjan Ghatak (CSO Representative)
- Dr. Utpal (Government Representative)
- Mr. Pradip Dey, ICAR
- Dr. Amit Hazra, Academia

20th – 21st March 2026,
Pride Plaza, Kolkata

KRISHI SANJOG 2026 : STRENGTHENING
MARKET LINKAGES FOR RURAL PROSPERITY

Day 1 Outcome

The first day strengthened engagement between producers and buyers, improved understanding of market expectations, and identified concrete opportunities for procurement and collaboration. It reinforced the need for ecosystem-driven solutions to improve market readiness and scalability.

Day 2 : Food Systems, Sustainability and Consumer Alignment

Inaugural Session

The second day set the stage for discussions on sustainable agriculture and food systems, emphasising collaboration among institutions, academia, and market stakeholders to build resilient and efficient value chains.

Technical Session: Safe Food – Myth vs Reality

Speakers :

- Dr. Deborshi Dey, National Resource Person, FSSAI
- Mr. Sanjoy Sahana, Marketing Manager, T. Stanes & Company Limited
- Mr. Somnath Basak, Regional Sustainability Manager – East, Reliance Retail

This session explored the concept of safe food, focusing on the distinction between organic and residue-free produce. It enhanced awareness of food safety standards, traceability, and compliance, while addressing common misconceptions among producers and consumers.

Live Demonstration : Food Adulteration Detection

A practical demonstration on food adulteration detection provided hands-on insights into quality assessment techniques.



Panel discussion in progress during the Industry Voice session, bringing together stakeholders to deliberate on market linkages, procurement challenges, and opportunities for FPOs

The session reinforced the importance of maintaining food safety standards and ensuring product integrity.

Voice from the Field : Sustainable Farming Practices

Through real-life case discussions, participants examined how the transition to sustainable farming practices has improved livelihoods and environmental outcomes. The session highlighted the long-term benefits of adopting sustainable agricultural methods.

Customer Expectations vs Experience

An interactive session focused on understanding customer expectations related to quality, consistency, and product experience. Feedback mechanisms provided valuable insights for improving product alignment with market demands and enhancing consumer trust.

Day 2 Outcome

The second day strengthened awareness of food safety and sustainability, improved understanding of consumer expectations, and provided actionable insights for aligning production with market requirements. It reinforced the importance of quality, traceability, and customer-centric approaches.

Krishi Sanjog 2026 highlighted that effective market linkage requires a collaborative and ecosystem-based approach. By enabling direct engagement between producers and buyers and addressing key challenges across the value chain, the initiative created pathways for stronger partnerships, improved market access, and sustainable rural livelihoods.



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Mentor – Agri-Horti-Food Processing & Rural Development National Committee, BCC&I, addressing participants during the inaugural session of Krishi Sanjog 2026

PROGRAMME

A SPECIAL SESSION ON “COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION”

27th March 2026,
Virtual

The Legal Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized its Annual Session on “Commercial Arbitration and Conciliation” on Friday, 27th March 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., conducted virtually. The session was delivered by Mr. Sabyasachi Chaudhury, Senior Advocate and Secretary, Bar Library Club, High Court, Calcutta.

Mr. Prasanta Kumar Dutt, Co-Chairperson of the Legal Committee of BCC&I and Partner at Sandersons & Morgans, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the Chamber. In his remarks, he emphasized the growing importance of efficient and effective dispute resolution mechanisms such as arbitration and conciliation in the evolving business and legal landscape, highlighting their role in ensuring timely and cost-effective resolution of commercial disputes.

During the session, Mr. Chaudhury discussed several critical aspects of commercial dispute resolution. Emphasis was laid on the importance of carefully drafting and customizing arbitration clauses to avoid procedural inefficiencies and ensure quicker resolution of disputes. The benefits of fast-track arbitration under Section 29B were highlighted, noting that the appointment of a sole arbitrator can help resolve simpler disputes within a six-month timeframe, thereby significantly reducing delays. He also stressed the need for prudent selection of experienced arbitrators and the inclusion

of exclusive jurisdiction clauses to minimize litigation costs and improve enforceability of awards. Concerns were raised regarding mediation, with observations that a large proportion of cases do not culminate in resolution and are sometimes used as a delaying tactic rather than an effective dispute resolution tool. As institutional arbitration continues to gain traction, the importance of ensuring arbitrator competence and maintaining fairness in the process was underscored. In addition, clarity in the legal framework was discussed, particularly the role of conciliation as a possible precondition to arbitration, and the current non-recognition of emergency arbitration within the Indian legal system.

The Chamber expressed its sincere gratitude to Mr. Chaudhury for his valuable time and profound insights, and reaffirmed its commitment to facilitating informed dialogue on key legal issues impacting business and industry.

The session received an overwhelming response from participants, including Advocates, Solicitors, Attorneys, other Legal Professionals, and Law students, as well as professionals from various conglomerates who contributed to a vibrant Q&A segment, making the session intellectually stimulating and practically relevant. The session was supported by Victor Moses & Co; Sandersons & Morgans and Sinha & Company Advocates.

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COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION & CONCILIATION

27th MARCH 2026
5 PM ONWARDS
ON VIRTUAL PLATFORM

INAUGURAL SESSION

 MR PARITOSH SINHA ADVOCATE SINHA & COMPANY ADVOCATES	 MR PRASANTA KUMAR DUTT PARTNER SANDERSONS & MORGANS	 MR SABYASACHI CHAUDHURY SENIOR ADVOCATE AND SECRETARY, BAR LIBRARY CLUB, HIGH COURT, CALCUTTA
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Sandersons & Morgans delivering Welcome address

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The Session addressing by Mr. Sabyasachi Chaudhury, Senior Advocate and Secretary, Bar Library Club, High Court, Calcutta

27th March 2026,
Virtual

A SPECIAL SESSION ON “COMMERCIAL
ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION”



Q&A Session in progress



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I delivering Vote of Thanks

28th March 2026,
ISI Bengaluru Center

3rd EDITION OF BIZTECH STARTUP QUIZ

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organised the 3rd Edition of “Biz Tech Startup Quiz” in partnership with Institute of Data Engineering, Analytics and Science Foundation IDEAS and Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore centre on 28th March 2026 at Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru Centre at their campus. Biz Tech Startup Quiz brought together Startups, startup enthusiasts and Investors.

Biz Tech Startup Quiz brought together Startups and Startup enthusiasts for an infotainment day. The questions touched on the domains of business and technology. The Quizmaster of the 3rd Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz was Mr. Titash Banerjea, Knowledge Manager & Director, Gyaanspace, Knowledge Consultants LLP.

This year's Quiz witnessed some of the most brilliant quizzers from all across the country, from cities like- Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Coimbatore and Bengaluru. This edition has been able to set the motion of Biz Tech Startup Quiz shaping up to become a national-level and engaging quiz competition.

The Winner was awarded with prize money of ₹ 40,000 along with a trophy and medals. The 1st Runners Up was awarded with prize money of ₹ 25,000 along with a trophy and medals, while the Second Runners Up was awarded with the prize money of ₹ 15,000 along with a trophy and medals. There were cash prizes for the top College teams as well, Winners- ₹ 5000, 1st Runners Up- ₹ 3000 and 2nd Runners Up- ₹ 2000. The 3rd Edition Biztech Startup Quiz have had support from some of the most leading tech companies, academic

institutions, established Startups. The quiz this year was supported by, Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre, Prize Partner- Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Industry Partner- Haldia institute of Technology, the associate partners were- Flutrr, mJunction, Sundarban Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., Somnetics, Vareli Tecnac. The quiz was also announced across Bengaluru by our Radio partner- 93.5 Red FM, Karnataka.

The participating teams were composed of a significant number of Startup enthusiasts (Soonicorn, Ideation stage startups, Employees of startups, PE investors, VCs, Incubators, Students etc). A significant number of startup enthusiasts from varied domains and renowned companies like HCL, TCS, Infosys, Toyota, Accenture, Ey participated. Students from pioneering institutes like PMC Tech College, RV College of Engineering, Indian Statistical Institute, and PES University also joined.



Welcome address by Mr. Agnimitra Biswas, Member, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startup National Committee and CEO, IDEAS-TIH, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata

PROGRAMME

3rd EDITION OF BIZTECH STARTUP QUIZ

28th March 2026,
ISI Bengaluru Center



Registration of Quizzers in progress at ISI Bengaluru Center for the 3rd Edition of Biztech Startup Quiz 2026



Prelim round of the 3rd Edition of Biztech Startup Quiz in progress, conducted by Mr. Mr. Titash Banerjea, Knowledge Manager & Director, Gyaanspace, Knowledge Consultants LLP at ISI Bengaluru Center on 28th March 2026

28th March 2026,
ISI Bengaluru Center

3rd EDITION OF BIZTECH STARTUP QUIZ



Final Rounds of the 3rd Edition of Biztech Startup Quiz in progress, conducted by Mr. Mr. Titash Banerjea, Knowledge Manager & Director, Gyaanspace, Knowledge Consultants LLP at ISI Bengaluru Center on 28th March 2026



Snapshots of the Winners, 1st Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up teams of the 3rd Edition of Biztech Startup Quiz, at ISI Bengaluru Center on 28th March 2026

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3rd EDITION OF BIZTECH STARTUP QUIZ

28th March 2026,
ISI Bengaluru Center



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FROM CONFLICT TO CROP : FOOD SECURITY AMID WEST ASIA DISRUPTIONS

17th April 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a roundtable on “From Conflict to Crop: Safeguarding India’s Food Security Amid West Asia Disruptions” on 17th April 2026 at the Williamson Magor Hall, BCC&I Premises, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, economists, and sustainability experts to assess the impact of geopolitical tensions on India’s agricultural ecosystem.

The discussion highlighted how disruptions in West Asia, across energy markets, fertiliser supply chains, and logistics are affecting India’s food production, trade, and price stability, reinforcing that food security is closely linked to global developments.

Global Linkages and Emerging Risks :

The opening session, noted that geopolitical disruptions are directly impacting Indian agriculture through rising input costs, fertiliser volatility, and energy price fluctuations. While India remains resilient due to irrigation, buffer stocks, and policy support, structural vulnerabilities such as import dependence persist.

Key Insights :

Speakers highlighted :

- Resilience through irrigation, buffer stocks, and climate-resilient seeds
- Dependence on imported phosphatic and potassic fertilisers
- Rising fuel, fertiliser, and logistics costs

- Supply chain disruptions affecting shipping, costs, and exports
- Market unpredictability impacting planning and pricing

Industry also reported higher packaging costs, working capital pressures, and trade route disruptions.

Economic Implications :

Rising food prices are outpacing wage growth, affecting purchasing power and economic stability. Increasing mechanisation has linked agriculture more closely to global fuel prices. Key concerns include declining export competitiveness, dependence on edible oil imports, and transmission of global price volatility. Participants emphasised that food security extends beyond production to supply chains, logistics, and market systems. Key gaps include last-mile delivery, storage, fertiliser alignment with cropping patterns, and institutional support mechanisms.

Structural Challenges and Policy Focus :

Discussions highlighted data gaps, farmer income challenges, import dependence, and the need for assured pricing for oilseeds and pulses. While AI and analytics can improve efficiency, their impact depends on data quality and policy clarity.

A consensus emerged on prioritising long-term resilience through diversification of imports, strengthening domestic fertiliser production, promoting sustainable agriculture, improving data governance, ensuring policy stability, and enhancing global cooperation.

17th April 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

FROM CONFLICT TO CROP : FOOD SECURITY
AMID WEST ASIA DISRUPTIONS

The roundtable concluded that while India can manage short-term shocks, ensuring long-term food security will require coordinated strategies focused on sustainability, diversification, and supply chain resilience amid ongoing global uncertainties.



Engaging multi-stakeholder dialogue in progress

Sharing perspectives and insights during the interactive session at the roundtable

21st April 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON “WEST ASIA CRISIS
IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE & INDIA'S LOGISTICS”

The National Shipping and Logistics Committee of BCC&I organized an Interactive Session on “West Asia Crisis Impact on Global Trade & India's Logistics” on Tuesday, 21st April 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the ITC Room, BCC&I premises. The session was delivered by Capt Ravi Dey, Maritime Consultant, SeaTech UK Ltd. and Mr. N Arvind, Chief General Manager, Steel Authority of India Limited.

The session examined the impact of ongoing disruptions in West Asia on global shipping, logistics, energy supply and trade flows. The discussion focused on operational challenges, economic implications, and practical risk mitigation strategies for industry stakeholders.

A key highlight was the human element in maritime operations, where real-life experiences underscored the challenges faced by seafarers operating in high-risk zones. Issues such as crew safety, stress, and reluctance to sail through uncertain regions were discussed, reinforcing the importance of factoring human considerations into operational planning.

The session also emphasized the strategic importance of major maritime routes, including the Strait of Hormuz, Bab-el-Mandeb, and the Suez Canal, which play a critical role in global trade movement. Disruptions in these corridors were noted to have direct implications on transit times, freight rates, and supply chain reliability. Additionally, operational risks such as navigation interference (e.g., GPS disruptions) were highlighted as emerging concerns.

From an industry standpoint, participants discussed rising logistics costs, including higher fuel prices, freight rate volatility, and port delays. These factors have led to increased cost burdens across sectors, particularly those dependent on imported raw materials, resulting in supply uncertainties and pricing pressures.

The discussion recognized the dynamic and evolving nature of the situation, with continued uncertainty affecting planning and operations. As a result, businesses are increasingly focusing on building flexibility and resilience into their supply chains.

Practical mitigation strategies were shared, including diversification of sourcing, improving operational efficiencies, and adopting sustainable alternatives. There was specific emphasis on transitioning towards alternative fuels such as methanol and hydrogen-based fuels, alongside renewable energy adoption, to reduce dependency on conventional fossil fuels. In addition, exploration of alternative raw materials (such as diversified sources of limestone) was highlighted as a key step toward strengthening supply continuity and sustainability.

The session also touched upon energy sourcing strategies, noting the importance of maintaining diversified supply channels to ensure continuity. While diversification enhances resilience, it requires careful management of logistical and operational complexities.

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AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON “WEST ASIA CRISIS IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE & INDIA'S LOGISTICS”

21st April 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The session concluded with an emphasis on preparedness, adaptability, and collaboration, highlighting the need for continued knowledge sharing and alignment between industry stakeholders to navigate ongoing uncertainties effectively.

The Chamber expressed its sincere gratitude to Capt Ravi Dey and Mr. N Arvind for their valuable time and profound insights,

and reaffirmed its commitment to facilitating informed dialogue on key issues impacting business and industry.

The session received an overwhelming response from participants from various conglomerates who contributed to a vibrant Q&A segment, making the session intellectually stimulating and practically relevant.

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON WEST ASIA CRISIS IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE AND INDIA'S LOGISTICS

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WEST ASIA CRISIS IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE & INDIA'S LOGISTICS

THE ESCALATING WEST ASIA CRISIS IS DISRUPTING GLOBAL TRADE VIA RED SEA, STRAIT OF HORMUZ & GULF SHIPPING CORRIDORS, IMPACTING INDIA SHARPLY:

- 20% of global oil & 30% bulk cargo affected
- Diversions add 10-14 days to voyages
- Freight rates surged 8-10x, war risk insurance up 1000%
- India's exports (textiles, auto parts) & imports (energy, fertilizers) hit
- Govt considering sovereign guarantees for shipping insurers
- India secured 2.8 million tonnes of urea to offset gaps

21 APRIL 2026 ITC ROOM 1ST FLOOR, THE BENGAL CHAMBER PREMISES 5:00 PM onwards

THE INTERACTIVE SESSION WILL DECODE RISKS & OUTLINE STRATEGIES FOR LOGISTICS RESILIENCE

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS

Capt. Ravi Dey
Maritime Consultant,
SeaTec UK Ltd.

Mr. N Arvind
Chief General Manager
SAIL

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The Flyer on the Interactive Session on “West Asia Crisis Impact on Global Trade & India's Logistics”



The Session addressing by Capt Ravi Dey, Maritime Consultant, SeaTech UK Ltd



The Session addressing by Mr. N Arvind, Chief General Manager, Steel Authority of India Limited

**21st April 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises** **AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON “WEST ASIA CRISIS
IMPACT ON GLOBAL TRADE & INDIA'S LOGISTICS”**



Interactive Session in progress.



A group photograph of the session attendees

Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I delivering Vote of Thanks

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- 13th Edition of Ratnagarbha, 10th May 2026, Kolkata
- Seminar on “Income Tax, GST & Customs - Shaping India’s Future”, 21st May, 2026, Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kolkata,
- 1st Edition of FIFA World Cup Quiz, 6th June 2026, Kolkata
- 4th Edition of Nursing Conclave, Theme: ‘From Assessment to Healing : Nursing Leadership in Wound Management’, 12th June, 2026, The Park, Kolkata
- 17th Edition of Business IT Conclave, 19th June 2026, Taj City Centre, Kolkata



NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

Fifth Edition of AIEM Express Released

The Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management is delighted to announce the release of the Fifth Edition of our newsletter, AIEM Express. This publication is a heartfelt endeavor, symbolizing the vibrant community and collective achievements we are so proud of.

AIEM Express goes beyond being a mere publication; it reflects the significant achievements we have accomplished as a community. This edition serves as a platform to showcase the dedication, creativity, and pursuit of excellence that shape our institution's identity. A special note of appreciation goes to our esteemed Principal Madam and Registrar Sir for their unwavering support and guidance, which have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

AIEM Express 5th Edition cover and content highlights including 'AIEM Hosts International Conference on Green Technology and Smart Systems', 'AIEM Partners with IIT Delhi to Bridge Digital Learning Divide', and 'AIEM Celebrates 55th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji'.

AIEM Express 5th Edition cover and content highlights including 'AIEM Hosts International Conference on Green Technology and Smart Systems', 'AIEM Celebrates 79th Independence Day with Unwavering Patriotic Spirit', and 'AIEM Celebrates 13th Foundation Day with Enthusiasm'.

AIEM Express 5th Edition cover and content highlights including 'AIEM Hosts Landmark FDP on Sustainable Civil Engineering Practices', 'AIEM Marks NEP 2020 Anniversary with Enlightened Services on Innovation', and 'AIEM Celebrates 13th Foundation Day with Enthusiasm'.

Mechanical Department of AIEM organized an Alumni Talk on "Challenges in Industry" : 09.04.2026

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM), organized an Alumni Talk on "Challenges in Industry" on 9th April 2026 from 7 pm. In this program, our alumnus from the Mechanical Engineering Department (2024 pass-out batch), Mr. Sayan Dutta, currently working at Jindal India Limited as an Engineer (Shift In-Charge), delivered a motivational and interactive talk to his juniors. During the session, he discussed the challenges faced while transitioning from college to the professional world and emphasized the importance of key skills such as problem-solving, supply chain management, and adaptability in the industry.

The alumni talk proved to be highly informative and inspiring for the students of the Mechanical Engineering department. It also strengthened the connection between alumni and current students and provided valuable guidance for their career development.



AIEM AI-Based Learning platform interface showing 'Industry Case Studies: Generative AI in Action' with features like AI tutors, automated content, and diagnostic support.

AIEM AI-Based Learning platform interface showing a grid of student avatars and names (SM, PP, RK, SD, UP, SC) for personalized study plans.

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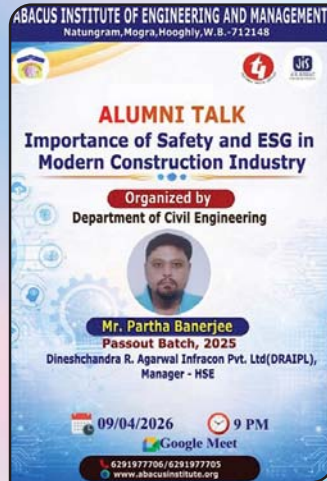
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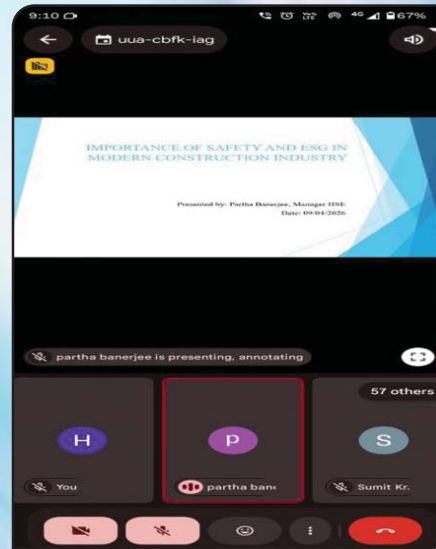
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Civil Engineering department of AIEM organised an Alumni Talk on the "Importance of Safety and ESG in Modern Construction Industry": 09.04.2026

The Department of Civil Engineering at Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management, Natungram, Mogra organized an inspiring Alumni Talk on the topic "Importance of Safety and ESG in Modern Construction Industry" on 9th April 2026, 9 pm onwards at online platform (Google Meet). Selected 60 nos of students from the department (both Civil and Diploma) attended the program. The session was designed to motivate and guide current students on the importance of safety practices and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles in the modern construction industry, while also highlighting emerging career opportunities in civil engineering and allied domains.



The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Partha Banerjee, Manager – HSE at Dineshchandra R. Agarwal Infracon Pvt. Ltd., who delivered an insightful talk on the evolving role of safety and sustainability in contemporary construction practices.



AIEM organized an outreach program Phase II for class X-XII: 09.04.2026 and 10.04.2026

The Admission Cell and the Department of Computer Science & Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management successfully organized an outreach program titled "Two-Day Workshop on Fundamentals of Computer – Phase II" on 09th and 10th April 2026 for students of Class 10,11,12 from various schools in the surrounding areas of the college.

The primary objective of this program was to enhance students' understanding of basic computer operations and prepare them for higher studies and future career opportunities in the digital age. A total of 56 students from different schools participated in this event.



Outreach program for class X: 10.03.2026 and 11.03.2026

The Admission Cell and the Department of Computer Science & Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management successfully organized an outreach program titled "Two-Day Workshop on Fundamentals of Computer – Phase 1" on 10th and 11th March 2026 for students of Class 10 from various schools in the surrounding areas of the college.

The primary objective of this program was to enhance students' understanding of basic



computer operations and prepare them for higher studies and future career opportunities in the digital age.

A total of 45 students from different schools participated in this event.



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Alumni Talk Webinar Organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in association with the NDLI Club AIEM: 11.04.2026

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering in collaboration with the NDLI Club, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has organized an ALUMNI TALK on “Practical Roadmap To Cracking Top Tech Interviews” on 11th April, 2026 in Virtual Mode.

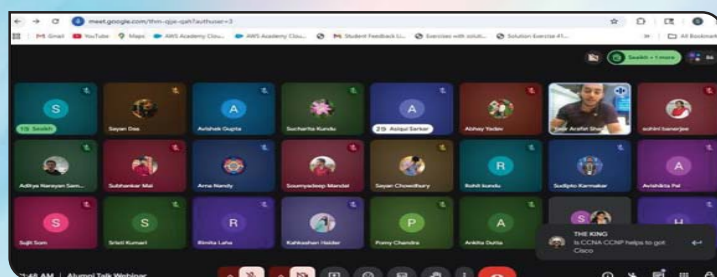
The keynote speaker for the session was Mr. Yasir Sharfi, an esteemed alumnus of the institution, currently working as a Software Engineer II at Microsoft. He is associated with the Accelerated DPU Direct Drive (Ultra-Disk) Data Path team, where he contributes to the development of high-performance storage solutions for Azure Cloud.

The session commenced with a warm welcome to all participants. The importance of alumni interaction was highlighted, emphasizing how these engagements inspire students, broaden their perspectives, and guide them toward making informed career decisions. **Total 95 students participated in this event.**

During his talk, Mr. Sharfi shared insights into his professional journey, beginning from his academic foundation in Electronics and Communication Engineering at Abacus Institute of

Engineering and Management. He discussed his experience working with reputed organizations such as Dell, Cisco, and Bosch. At Dell, he contributed to large-scale distributed systems; at Cisco, he worked on high-performance network routers; and at Bosch, he gained experience in automotive communication systems.

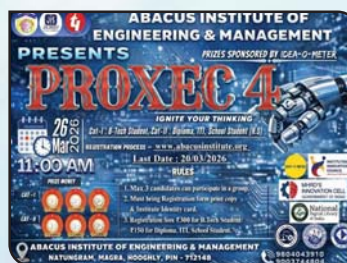
Mr. Sharfi also provided an overview of his current work, focusing on advanced technologies such as NVMe-based virtual disk architecture, RDMA-enabled data paths, and DPU-driven storage acceleration. He explained how these technologies are shaping the future of cloud computing by improving performance, scalability, and efficiency in modern data centers.



Inter College Science Project Exhibition and Competition "PROXEC 4.0" organized by AIEM: 26.03.2026

We are pleased to announce that Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra, successfully organized the 4th Inter-College Science Project Exhibition and Competition, PROXEC 4.0, on 26th March 2026. This event was designed to provide a platform for students to demonstrate their talents, engage in collaborative learning, enhance both the skillset and their professional resumes. PROXEC 4.0 centered on advancing technological innovation for societal improvement, culminating in two days of robust planning, dedicated efforts from faculty and students, and the invaluable support of AIEM management.

were awarded to the winner, the first runner-up, and the second runner-up, respectively. Cash prizes, along with award certificates for the **Diploma/ITI/School** Category, were awarded to the winner, the first runner-up, and the second runner-up.



PROXEC 4.0 received an overwhelming response with total 115 projects (11 CE projects, 20 ME projects, 22 EE projects, 23 ECE projects and 39 CSE projects) being exhibited. The highlight of the day was the grand award-giving ceremony, where winners and runners-up were honoured with certificates and cash prizes in recognition of their outstanding performances. PROXEC 4.0 was categorized into two parts: B.Tech and Diploma/ITI/School categories. Cash prizes, along with award certificates for the B.Tech Category,



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AIEM organizes its Annual Cultural Fest ARPEGGIO 2K26 : 27.03.2026

Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management is proud to host Annual Cultural Fest **ARPEGGIO 2K26 on 27.03.2026 (Friday)**. This year's cultural fest commenced with an auspicious inauguration ceremony, which included the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and song performance by the students. The program commenced with an inspiring welcome speech delivered by our respected **Advisor, Mr. Aurobindo Mukherjee**. His words encouraged the students and set a positive tone for the entire event.

The festival featured a series of captivating performances by students, highlighting their talent and creativity. The events included **Classical and Folk Dance, Musical Performance, Drama and Skits, Stand-up Comedy and Poetry Recitation etc.**

A proud moment during the fest was the felicitation of students who had secured placements in various reputed companies. The Respected Principal of AIEM and the Training & Placement Officer honored these students by presenting them with certificates of appreciation and congratulating them on their achievements. Another significant moment was the inauguration of the annual college magazine "**Machinage 4.0**", which was unveiled by our

respected Advisor Sir along with the Registrar, AIEM, Mr. Devmalya Banerjee.

To add to the entertainment quotient, the fest featured a vibrant DJ by DJ Vikky performance with "Waves in Town" where students enjoyed and danced to the latest hits. The DJ night concluded on a high note, with everything happening peacefully and in an organized manner.



MoU Signing ceremony between AIEM and Edunet Foundation: 30.03.2026

On 30th March 2026, AIEM successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Edunet Foundation**, having its office at Gurugram, Haryana. This MoU represents a strategic collaboration between AIEM and Edunet Foundation, aimed at fostering Skill-Based Training, Education, Industry Exposure, and Expert Engagements. Both institutions believe that collaboration and cooperation will promote effective utilization of resources and create enhanced learning opportunities for students.

The primary objectives of this MoU is to provide skill-based education aligned with industry requirements, enhance students' technical competencies through practical exposure, promote industry-oriented training and outcome-based learning.



A webinar titled "Awareness of Practical Learning on Gen AI, Hands-on Project and Industry Case Studies" in collaboration with SFJ Business Solutions and in partnership with NASSCOM: 31.03.2026

The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering** in collaboration with **SFJ Business Solutions** in **partnership with NASSCOM** successfully organized a webinar titled "**Awareness of Practical Learning on GEN AI, Hands-on Project and Industry Case Studies**" on 31st March 2026, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The session was conducted in **Online mode** via the **Microsoft Teams platform**.

The main objective of the session was to provide students with an introduction to **Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, its applications, ethical implications, and its growing importance across industries

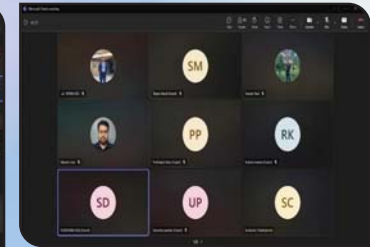
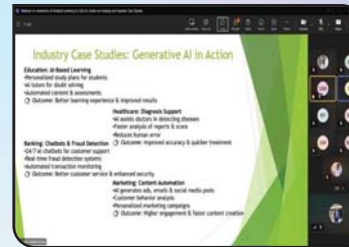
and career opportunities. The webinar also focused on **hands-on project-based learning** and **industry-based case studies**, helping students understand practical implementation and real-world use of AI technologies.

The session was delivered by **Mr. Sushanta Chakkraborty, University Alliance Manager, SFJ Business Solutions**, who shared valuable insights into industry trends and the role of Generative AI in modern technological advancements. Students were instructed to register through the provided user form and were guided to create a login on the **Future Skills Prime platform** for hands-on training and learning. This step is essential for completing the modules and obtaining **training completion certificates**.

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Participants who successfully complete all the modules will be awarded a **NASSCOM-recognized certificate**, which will add value to their academic profile and future career prospects.

The webinar witnessed the participation of around 75 students, making it an interactive and successful session. The active involvement of students contributed to a productive learning environment.



Participation in IIRS-ISRO Online Training Programme as a Nodal Centre

The **Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM)**, Natungram, Mogra, is proud to announce its successful participation in the **Online Learning Programmes** conducted by the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS)**, ISRO, Dehradun. These e-learning programmes, organized under the IIRS Outreach Programme, were held from the month of **November, 2025 to December, 2025**.

As a **Network Institute of IIRS**, AIEM facilitated active student participation, marking this initiative as a significant milestone in advancing technical knowledge and skills among our learners.

Participants : 58 students from various departments of AIEM



registered for the programmes, reflecting a strong interest in adopting cutting-edge technologies and scored good marks in the certification exam and got certified.

Collaborative Learning : The programme also included participants from institutions across India, fostering a dynamic and collaborative learning environment.

Examination : The programme concluded with online examinations conducted by IIRS, Government of India.



A workshop on Be Unstoppable in collaboration with the T&P Cell and IQAC Cell: 31.03.2026

A workshop on **“Be Unstoppable”** was successfully organized on **March 31, 2026, at 2:00 pm** in the seminar hall. The event was conducted by the **Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM)**, in collaboration with the **Training and Placement Cell and IQAC Cell**.

The workshop witnessed active participation from around 100 attendees, including students and faculty members who were keenly interested in managing stress and leading a balanced life.

The session was introduced by **Mrs. Malabika Ghosh, Senior Marketing & B2B Sales Manager**, who is dedicated to improving student mental health and well-being. The session was delivered by **Mr. Pushkar Bhattacharya**, a highly experienced counselling psychologist with extensive experience across various mental health settings.

The workshop addressed the everyday challenges individuals face in managing stress, emotions, and frustration, which often impact productivity. A major focus of the session was on techniques to control frustration, supported by practical examples and case studies. Another key highlight was the introduction to the **Innecraft** platform,





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International Management Literary Conclave organized by Faculty of Management Studies

On 1st and 2nd April, Faculty of Management Studies, organized an intellect an inspiring International Management Literary Conclave at our Austin Tower campus where intellect meets innovation featuring insightful paper presentations. Students and scholars come together to share ideas, explore diverse perspectives, and engage in meaningful academic discourse that goes beyond the classroom. It is a celebration of knowledge, creativity, and the power of words shaping the future.

From thought-provoking research to confident presentations, the conclave reflects the spirit of curiosity and excellence that defines our institution. This platform not only nurtured critical thinking but also empowered young minds to voice their ideas with confidence and clarity.

**National Seminar on “Current Trends in Biological Sciences III” by Faculty of Biosciences**

The Faculty of Biosciences at JIS University, in association with the Microbiologists Society of India, successfully organized the One-Day National Seminar on “Current Trends in Biological Sciences III” on 7th April 2026. The seminar brought together a diverse group of academicians, scientists, researchers, and students, creating a dynamic platform for the exchange of ideas, presentation of research, and discussion of emerging trends in biological sciences. The event fostered an atmosphere of intellectual engagement and curiosity,

encouraging meaningful dialogue across disciplines. The organizers expressed their sincere appreciation to the distinguished speakers for their insightful contributions. Special recognition is extended to Dr. Arunima Biswas, State President, MSI West Bengal, for her inspiring presence and valuable perspectives. A key highlight of the seminar was the poster presentation session, which showcased innovative research by young scholars and provided an opportunity for interactive learning and constructive feedback. The seminar concluded on a successful note, leaving participants motivated and enriched with new knowledge, ideas, and a renewed enthusiasm for advancing the field of biological sciences.

**Recent Advances in Interdisciplinary Science and Research (RAISR-2026)**

The Department of Physics and the Department of Earth Sciences and Remote Sensing at JIS University jointly organized the 2nd seminar of “Recent Advances in Interdisciplinary Science and Research (RAISR-2026),” on 10th April, marking a significant celebration of innovation and collaborative research. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from scholars and students, made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Organising Committee. The seminar featured a series of insightful talks delivered by esteemed speakers,

alongside engaging poster presentations that highlighted cutting-edge research and emerging ideas across disciplines. The conference proceedings are currently under preparation and are being reviewed by experts from reputed institutions, including the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), and National Institutes of Technology (NITs). This process is being carried out under the guidance of a distinguished Editorial Board to ensure the highest academic standards. RAISR-2026 successfully served as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, interdisciplinary learning, and the promotion of future research collaborations.



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Educational Excursion to Darjeeling

The Department of Education, JIS University, successfully organized an educational excursion to Darjeeling from 8 to 11 April 2026. A group of 21 students, accompanied by faculty coordinators Dr. Ayan Chakrabarty and Dr. Priya Mitra, participated in this enriching journey

that combined learning with exploration. The excursion provided students with valuable academic insights while also offering exposure to the cultural heritage and natural beauty of the region. The experience proved to be both educational and memorable, leaving participants with meaningful learning outcomes and lasting impressions.



MRIDANG 2026 : Day 1 Highlights

MRIDANG 2026, the annual cultural fest of JIS University, commenced on 17th April with great enthusiasm and vibrant energy. Day 1 set the tone for the festival, bringing together talent, creativity, and spirited participation from students across institutions. The day featured a series of inter-institutional cultural competitions, including Solo Dance, Solo Singing, Group Dance, and a Fashion Show, where

participants showcased their skills with confidence and artistic flair. The evening culminated in electrifying grand finale performances by Distorted Chromosomes, who energized the audience with dynamic rock music, followed by MAUSUMS, who brought the night to a melodic close. With an engaging start and memorable performances, MRIDANG 2026 Day 1 marked the beginning of an exciting celebration of culture and talent.



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MRIDANG 2026: Day 2 Highlights

Day 2 of MRIDANG 2026 unfolded with remarkable energy and enthusiasm, as students of JIS University delivered captivating in-house performances that set the stage alive. A vibrant flashmob added to the excitement, transforming the arena into a lively celebration. The event was seamlessly hosted by Pratha Dixit, whose

engaging presence kept the audience energized throughout the evening. The night featured soulful musical moments by Shrijit, followed by a high-energy performance by Fakira Band, which brought the festivities to a thrilling peak. With its dynamic performances and electrifying atmosphere, Day 2 stood out as a memorable celebration of talent, music, and collective spirit.



NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

AI Utkarsh 2026

AI Utkarsh 2026 (7-8 April, 2026) at Narula Institute of Technology witnessed an electrifying run with the Hack-O-NiT Hackathon and innovation competitions, bringing together enthusiastic and talented

students from various institutions over two dynamic days.



NiT secured the 1st Runner-Up

Narula Institute of Technology showcased exceptional innovation and talent at The Bengal Hackfest Pragati 2026, organized by Jadavpur

University on 20th April, 2026, bringing great pride to the institute with their remarkable achievements. Team "The Hacksmiths" from the ECE department secured the 1st Runner-Up and won a cash prize of ₹ 25,000.

