

from the desk of the PRESIDENT

Dear Member,

9 December, 2013

The third quarter of the year has witnessed some tumultuous times in the realms of society, business, the economy and in the political sphere! The recent decline of the Rupee seems to have improved our CAD and the winds of change in the political landscape have started blowing in some of the States in the country, which held their Assembly Elections a few days back. The question is whether elections or expectations of change really can alter the economic fortunes of a nation still reeling under the impact of the economic downturn.

In Bengal, however, we are all looking forward to Bengal Leads 2014 in the New Year and the State Government has requested all Chambers of Commerce to work together with the Government in making this edition a roaring success. The spotlight and emphasis is on new investments. The Chamber is hosting a delegation of NRI investors in early January 2014 and we have also been communicating with the various State Government departments so that at least a few investments do materialize during the visit.

Wishing you and your family Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Sd/-**Kallol Datta** President

We wish that all your wishes are fulfilled in



PROGRAMMES

ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY INTERACTIVE
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF
GRONINGEN UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR
SIBRANDES POPPEMA AND PROF
MALABIKA SARKAR, VICE-CHANCELLOR,
THE PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

27TH NOVEMBER 2013, CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized an academia-industry interactive meeting with the President of Groningen University, Professor Sibrandes Poppema and Professor Malabika Sarkar, Vice- Chancellor, The Presidency University on 27th November 2013 at the Chamber.

Professor Sibrandes Poppema applauded the excellence of the alumni of Presidency University. He also mentioned that Groningen University has been recognized as a premier institution in the world with an "Employability Ranking – 89" by the New York Times in 2012.

The two Universities want to jointly create a model of excellence, which will churn out promising students, who will work with distinction in the commerce and industry sectors. Prof. Malabika Sarkar observed that research hubs and incubation centres, associated with Universities, were needed in India.

Professor Poppema and Professor Sarkar and their teams had a candid discussion with the members of the industry. Mr. Kallol Datta, President, BCC&I; Mr. A Lahiri, Past President, BCC&I and Mr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, BCC&I; Prof. (Dr.) R P Banerjee, Chairperson, Education Committee were present amongst others.



Extreme Left - Mr. A Lahiri, Past President, BCC&I; third from left - Professor Sibrandes Poppema; middle - Mr. Kallol Datta, President, BCC&I; next to him - Prof Malabika Sarkar, Vice- Chancellor, The Presidency University and at right- Prof. (Dr.) R P Banerjee, Chairperson, Education Committee





PROGRAMMES

THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER PARTNERED JYOTIRMOY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IN THEIR SEMINAR ON "ENTREPRENEURSHIP - THE WAY FORWARD"

28TH NOVEMBER 2013, CHAMBER PREMISES

29TH NOVEMBER 2013, **CHAMBER PREMISES**

APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTHCARE

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Lemenz Solutions, organized a B2B meet 'Application of Technology in Healthcare - Business Session & Exposition' on 29th November 2013 at The Palladian Lounge. The B2B meet was sponsored by 366 Pi Consulting, Geotech, Som Imaging Informatics Pvt Ltd., APT Sources Software Pvt Ltd., Business Brio and Soft World India Pvt Ltd.

The programme had been organized to know from the sponsors, who are the IT solutions providers, the best-in-class IT products tailor-

made for the healthcare sector. The welcome address was given by Mr. Suyash Borar, Chief Executive Officer, The Calcutta Medical Research Institute & Chairman - Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The sponsors made presentations on their products related to the healthcare industry. The product presentations were followed by a B2B meet and networking cocktails. The B2B meet was attended by the major healthcare units of Kolkata including hospitals, nursing homes, and diagnostic centres and also by some doctors.

IT company, Som Imaging Informatics Pvt. Ltd.

Welcome address by Mr. Suyash Borar, CEO, The Calcutta Medical Research Institute, & Chairman of the Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry





Soft World India Pvt. Ltd. – a participating company making their presentation



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Product presentation by Business Brio

Audience at the B2B meet



Product presentation by 366 Pi Consulting



B2B meet in progress

AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON CHILD NUTRITION ORGANIZED BY THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN

ASSOCIATION WITH ABBOTT INTERNATIONAL Abbott International organized an interactive session on the Importance of Child Nutrition on 30th November 2013 at the Mongrace Montessori House. The workshop was addressed by Dr. Soumyendu Ghosh a well known Clinical Pediatric Dietician and Antenatal Nutrition Counsellor.

The session was well attended by 90 young parents and included an engaging discussion on the nutritional requirement of the young minds for a healthy future. Dr R P Banerjee, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Chamber welcomed everyone and be discussed the needs of right diet for the development of the lyoung mind. The session was moderated and hosted by Ms. Suman Sood, Directress, Mongrace Montessori House.

30TH NOVEMBER 2013, MONGRACE MONTESSORI HOUSE





AN INTERACTIVE SESSION ON CHILD NUTRITION ORGANIZED BY THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN ASSOCIATION WITH ABBOTT INTERNATIONAL



Dr. R P Banerjee, Chairman, Education Committee of the Chamber, delivering the welcome address



Dr. Soumyendu Ghosh during the interactive session

5TH - 8TH DECEMBER 2013, ITC SONAR

THE BENGAL CHAMBER PARTNERED INFOCOM 2013

6TH DECEMBER 2013, CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BEST PRACTICES OF MSMES



L-R: Dr Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addresses the Inaugural Session. Seated on the dais (L-R) are Mr. S Swaminathan, Co-Chairperson, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Instt of Mgmt Science, Kolkata Kendra; Shri Partha Ray, Director, MSME Testing Centre (Kolkata), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India and Mr. Debkumar Basu, Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.

The MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee of the Bengal Chamber organized the sixth edition of the annual "The Bengal Chamber Award for Excellence in Best Practices of MSMEs" with the participation of senior representatives from the Government and Industry along with the Academia on Friday, 6th December 2013 at 10.00 a.m. at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The focus of the event has always been to create a benchmark for the small scale industries, especially the micro, small and medium enterprises by giving exposure to the best practices in the manufacturing and service sectors adopted and implemented by their counterparts so that they could learn, adopt and implement these practices in their respective organizations, which would help them to achieve better productivity as well as quality at lesser cost.

This is an annual event of the Chamber and it is being organized to reward the MSMEs for their "Excellence in Best Practices" in spite of the severe logistical and infrastructural constraints they come across. The focus is also to give exposure to the MSMEs and extend them the opportunity of

networking with the larger organizations. The event helps the large scale industries to contribute in their continuous endeavour in developing or upgrading their vendor base by inducting quality vendors for furthering growth and development of their businesses.

This year, our award programme was presided over by Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, who commenced the session by giving a Welcome Speech. Mr. Debkumar Basu, Member, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee and Director, Zetadel Technologies P Ltd was the Master of Ceremonies for the Inaugural



L-R: Mr. S Swaminathan addresses the award ceremony

Session

The key speakers in the programme were:

- Shri K H Muniyappa, Hon'ble Minister of State Independent Charge for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India
- Commander Soumitra Bhaduri, Chief General Manager QA, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Ministry of Defence, Government of India
- Shri S Ramakrishnan, Regional Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Shri K H Muniyappa spoke about the special emphasis given to the MSME sector since this is a most important segment for the development and growth of industry and the economy post globalization. The Minister

THE BENGAL CHAMBER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BEST PRACTICES OF MSMES

observed that the small scale industries play a leading role for further industrialization and they are driven by technology, integrated business networks, cluster initiatives, etc.

The Hon'ble Minister also spoke about the initiatives taken by the Central Government, under the wings of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, to form MSME Clusters in different parts of India with special emphasis on West Bengal. He mentioned in the forum that there are places in West Bengal like Purulia, Jhargram, Coochbehar, Howrah, East and West Midnapore, etc where the Central Government with the help of the State Government is planning to set up MSME Hubs for furthering development and growth of the MSME sector, which in turn would bring significant development in the economy.

The panel of judges who evaluated the presentations of the participating MSMEs was headed by Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Chief Judge and Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. Sunil Vats, Head Sales & Administration, Kolkata, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited; Dr Suman K Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Instt of Mgmt Science, Kolkata Kendra and Mr. Debkumar Basu, Director,

ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.

The judges selected the three best case study presentations in Manufacturing Sector and one best case study presentation in Service Sector out of a series of presentations made by the participating MSMEs. Following were the MSMEs which won the Award along with the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation.

Manufacturing Sector:

Anmol Feeds Pvt Ltd

Supreme & Co Pvt Ltd

Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd

Service Sector:

- Indo Bell Insulations Ltd

The award programme was attended by well over 135 delegates from industry representing sectors like manufacturing, engineering, petrochemicals, chemicals, financial institutions, bankers and others. The



L-R: Shri Partha Ray addresses the award ceremony





L-R: Mr. B K Mitra, Manager, Business Development, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) delivers his speech at the Inaugural Session



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Dr. Alok Roy presents a memento to Shri Partha Ray



The judges present in the award ceremony. L-R: Mr. Debkumar Basu; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Chief Judge and Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Ltd.; Mr. Sunil Vats, Head, Sales Administration, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited, Kolkata and Dr Suman K Mukherjee





▲ Dr. Alok Roy presents a memento to Mr. B K Mitra



M/s Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS, one of the award applicants in the service sector delivering presentation



Cabcon India Ltd, one of the award applicants in the manufacturing sector delivering their presentation



Dr. Alok Roy presenting a flower bouquet to Shri K H Muniyappa, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Government of India at the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session







Dr. Alok Roy presenting a memento to Shri K H Muniyappa

Shri K H Muniyappa presenting the Bengal Chamber Award and the Certificate for best case study presentation to Indo Bell Insulations Ltd, the award winner in the service sector

Shri K H Muniyappa presenting the Bengal Chamber Award and the Certificate for best case study presentation to Trans Organics (India) Pvt. Ltd., one of the award winners in the manufacturing sector at the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session of the award ceremony

during his speech





Shri K H Muniyappa during his valedictory speech. Seated on the dais (L-R) are Commander Soumitra Bhaduri, Chief General Manager – QA, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Ministry of Defence, Government of India; Mr. S Swaminathan; Dr. Alok Roy and Shri S Ramakrishnan, Regional Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

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Shri S Ramakrishnan during his address



▲ Shri K H Muniyappa presenting a Memento and a Certificate of Participation to LSI Financial Services, one of the participants in the award ceremony



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Mr. S Swaminathan presenting a memento to Shri S Ramakrishnan



▲ Shri K H Muniyappa presenting a Memento and a Certificate of Participation to Servo-Fin Pvt. Ltd., one of the participants in the award ceremony

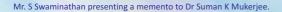


Mr. S Swaminathan presenting a memento to Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Chief Judge



Mr. S Swaminathan presenting a memento to Commander Soumitra Bhaduri







Mr. S Swaminathan presenting a memento to Mr. Sunil Vats, one of the judges

6TH-7TH DECEMBER 2013, THE TOLLYGUNE CLUB

It is a popular saying that, "There's no game like golf: you go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies." That saying apart, as far as Golf is concerned, the pleasure of playing the 18 holes far outstrips the "displeasure" of beating the other three in the group! Golf, as a sport, has captured the fancy of teeming millions — men and women, the amateur, the professional, the one with a handicap of 25 or a handicap of 9, the businessman, the bureaucrat and the executive. Truth is, a good round of golf is always a great round of golf.

In keeping with this idea, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized on Friday 6th December 2013 and Saturday,7th December 2013, the third edition of the annual, "National Insurance - Bengal Chamber Trophy Golf & Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy", hosted by Medica Synergie Superspeciality Hospitals, a golfing extravaganza for corporates, at the Tollygunge Club, Kolkata. We had a very simple objective – providing corporate leaders an opportunity to showcase their skills with the club, meet new players and develop new friendships. Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because the cart cannot count, criticize, or laugh. Our event was an excellent opportunity for all the keen amateurs to not worry about scores, but just have a lot of fun.



The backdrop with the logo of all sponsoring companies

Close to 224 golfers participated. Leading city-based corporates participated in the event which was played in a Texas Scramble Format. This year we had the privilege of having the famous footballer Mr. Jose Ramirez Barreto as the Chief Guest of the Tournament. The overall winners of the "National Insurance-Bengal Chamber Trophy" were AWESOME FOUR comprising of Mr. Ashish Bhuwalka, Mr. Rajeev Kesavan, Mr. Manoj Kedia and Ms. Ruchira

THE BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY



A team of golfers during the tournament



The Main Gate at the Tollygunge Club displaying all sponsor logos

Bhuwalka who were followed by the Runners Up Team - The Green Warrior comprising of Mr. Rakesh Poddar, Mr. Kunal Guha, Mr. Siddhartha Bansal and Mr. Varun Kohli. The Corporate Winner of the Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy was team HHI comprising Mr. Vikram Jaiswal, Mr. Amit Daga, Mr. Pavan Ghai and Mr. Mukesh Kapoor who were followed by

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the Runners Up, Linde Team A, Mr. S K Menon, Mr. A Bhowmik, Mr. AK Sareen and Mr. H Gurtu. The Longest Drive Ballantine Salver was won by Mr. Tejen Banerjee and The Neraest to the Pin was won by Mr. Vinod Kandoi. Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Subrata Dutta, Co-Chairperson, Sports Committee of the Chamber, Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President of the Chamber and Mr. Anil Mookerji, CEO, The Tollygunge Club presented the awards.



A player during the tournament



A team at the putting green during the tournament



(L-R): Mr. Pradip Das, Mr. Jose Ramirez Barreto, Mr Kallol Datta, Mr Sunil Munshi, Mr. Kanishka Datta



The game in progress



(L-R): Mr. Sunil Munshi, Mr. Jose Ramirez Barreto (well known footballer and the Chief Guest in the morning), Mr. Pradip Das, Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Kanishka Datta



Mr. Jose Ramirez Barreto practising a shot









Entrance to the Main Lawn during the prize distribution ceremony



Trophies and salvers are displayed during the prize distribution ceremony

Runner boards of the sponsors are displayed during the evening ceremony



The dais

A section of the guests during the cocktails and dinner



Corporate Runners Up, Team Linde A - Collecting the salvers from Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President ,The Bengal Chamber (extreme left), Mr. Kallol Datta (fourth from left), Mr. Subrata Datta, Co-Chairman, Sports Committee, the Bengal Chamber (middle) and Mr. Anil Mookerji, CEO, Tollygunge Club(second from right)

The Corporate winner of the Andrew Yule Sesquicentenary Trophy, HHI – Mr. Vikram Jaiswal, Mr. Amit Daga, Mr. Pavan Ghai and Mr. Mukesh Kapoor collecting the trophy from Mr. Kallol Datta

THE BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY

National Insurance – Bengal Chamber Trophy was won by the overall winner, AWESOME FOUR comprising of Mr. Ashish Bhuwalka, Mr. Rajeev Kesavan, Mr. Manoj Kedia and Ms. Ruchira Bhuwalka taking their Trophy from Mr. Kallol Datta



The overall Runners Up Team - The Green Warrior - Mr. Rakesh Poddar, Mr. Kunal Guha, Mr. Siddhartha Bansal and Mr. Varun Kohli collecting the Salvers from Mr Kallol Datta

(L-R) Dr Alok Roy, Mr Kallol Datta, Mr Subrata Datta, Mr Anil Mookerji during the prize distribution ceremony



A section of the 200 plus guests during the cocktails and dinner

The registration desk during the game

















From the desk of the CHIEF PATRON OF THE CHAMBER



Taranjit Singh Managing Director, JIS Group

India's growth boosted by IT-ITeS sector development

Greetings from JIS Group Educational Initiatives!

Festivals this year have come and gone—and now it is time for Christmas.
After that, a new year will usher in new hopes and dreams. How quickly the years are passing us by.

However, as the time passes quickly, so too does development happen quickly. In particular, India's Information

Technology (IT) sector is blossoming! Today, almost every field and industry depends in one way or the other on the development of IT services. The economy, in many ways, rides the growth of the IT & ITeS sector, and Indian firms as a whole largely depend on it to make their businesses more streamlined. Nasscom, in particular, expects the IT services sector in the country to grow by 13-14% in 2013-14, and to touch \$225 billion by 2020.

In this context, JIS Group Educational Initiatives was proud to be part of INFOCOM 2013, where we had the honour of felicitating 12 luminaries in the field of ICT - Ashok Soota, Azim Premji, Jerry Rao, Lakshmi Narayanan, N R Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekani, P R Venketrama Raja, Pramod Bhasin, Rajendra Singh Pawar, Rajesh Hukku, S Ramadorai, and Shiv Nadar.

My father, Sardar Jodh Singh, came to Bengal many years back with a vision in his heart. Today, JIS Group has grown into one of the largest educational groups in India - having 22 institutions, 58 programmes, and 21000 students. Furthermore, it is still growing, in its constant endeavours to provide quality education and qualified professionals.

Special focus should be laid on the development of the IT & ITES sector. While we have come a long way, we still have a long road ahead of us. The next generation is particularly techsavvy and can put their knowledge and aptitude to good use, contributing substantially to research and development, as that is one of the engines that will take the sector forward. Building on our IT knowledge and skill database is of the utmost importance, to boost Bengal's place on the world map and to push our country towards greater GDP growth.

Wishing you and your close ones a happy New Year, and peace for the year ahead.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- Wealth Management Summit, 10th December 2013, Kolkata
- India Industrial Mega Trade Fair in association with G S Marketing, 13th 23rd December 2013, Science City grounds
- Business @ Bengal: Investment Conclave presented by the Bengal Chamber and Non-Resident Overseas Association of Bengal (NROAB), 10th-11th January 2013, Chamber premises and The Park
- Partnering IIT Kharagpur in the Seminar on Building Process Excellence in Manufacturing, 17th-18th January 2014, Chamber premises
- The Bengal Chamber "Think..." lecture series to continue with Mr. Rohit Ohri, Executive Chairman, Dentsu India, 27th January 2014, The Palladian Lounge, Chamber premises
- ▶ Seminar on Industrial Water Management, 31st January 2014, Durgapur

NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

JIS Educational Initiatives salutes the 12 IT luminaries

5th December, 2013 was an eventful day when Sardar Jodh Sigh (Founder-Chairman, JIS Group) awarded 12 IT stalwarts at ITC Sonar, with INFOCOM 12 IT Gems Award 2013 (an ABP Initiative) for their invaluable contribution towards the field of Information Technology and putting India on the global map.

The 12 gems of Indian Information Technology industry namely Ashok Soota, Azim Premji, Jerry Rao, Lakshmi Narayanan, NR Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekani, PR Venketrama Raja, Pramod Bhasin, Rajendra Singh Pawar, Rajesh Hukku, S Ramadorai, and Shiv Nadar were recognised in the award ceremony for their excellence in establishing India Inc. globally.

The prestigious event was attended by the esteemed dignitaries across all industries other than top IT companies of West Bengal. The inaugural address for the programme was deliberated by R.Chandrasekhar, the President of NASSCOM. Mr. Anmol Singh Narula, the youngest leader in JIS Group also welcomed the luminaries with a speech on behalf of JIS Group Educational Initiatives.

Sardar Jodh Singh (Founder-Chairman-JIS Group) also felicitated the Editor-in-Chief ABP Group Aveek Sarkar and NASSCOM President R.Chandrasekhar at the same platform.

Kolkata will remember this memorable event for years to come!





















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