



7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Amidst these challenging times, I hope you and your near and dear ones are safe and healthy.

Faced with unprecedented uncertainties, even 5 months into the pandemic, the world is still grappling with serious challenges. Coronavirus cases have surpassed 25 million globally with more than 820,000 fatalities. Asia's hotspot, India, reported more than 4 million cases, the world's second highest number of active cases with fatalities exceeding 70,600. India's GDP contracted by 23.9% in April-June 2020 quarter when the country was totally under lockdown. India's fiscal deficit in the April - July 2020 period stood at ₹8.21 lakh crore,as per data released in August, crossing the budgetary target for FY 20-21. Most sectors of the economy, apart from a few, got impacted by the pandemic, severely affecting employment and livelihoods. The staggered unlocking from the month of June, resulted in some economic recovery from the latter part of that month, mostly in the rural agri sector.

During the Covid period, Businesses, as a survival mechanism, opted for use of digital platforms including WFH as a reliable substitute to conduct their operations. Your Chamber followed likewise. The Chamber's 13<sup>th</sup> edition of its signature Environment and Energy Conclave, organised digitally, was a resounding success. Since Lockdown, your Chamber conducted 59 Webinars across a multitude of sectors. Innovation and enterprise being

key to growth and progress in these difficult times, your Chamber took initiatives to strengthen its Digital assets with the objective of generating higher revenues through such webinars. While continuing focus on its regular segments, The Chamber in the days ahead, would build upon and consolidate its position on the digital and social media platforms as well. These initiatives will not only assist The Chamber to stay in sync with the fast changing world, but would also open up newer opportunities. Your Chamber has also recently conceptualised a long term project aimed towards the development and growth of our own State, West Bengal, to which it has always been deeply committed. The Chamber, with a view to convening its 166<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in the traditional manner, proposes to seek extension of time for holding such AGM.

I express my gratitude to the Past Presidents, the Members of The Managing Committee and to all our Expert Committees for their encouragement and support during a challenging 2020.

I wish you and your families health, happiness and peace in the coming days.

Sd/-**B.B. Chatterjee** President





### ONLINE SESSION ON 'KOLKATA LEADING WAY FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY'

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Online Session on 'Kolkata leading way for sustainable mobility' on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 through Zoom platform.

The Session was moderated Ms. Nayantara Palchoudhuri, Chairperson, Socio Economic Initiative, The Bengal Chamber; Hony. Consul of Norway in Kolkata and Director, Washabarie Tea Co. Pvt. Ltd.

Speakers in the session were as follows:

- Mr. Gautam Ray, Executive Director (HR & Admin.), CESC Limited
- Mr. G.M. Kapoor, State Convenor, Intach
- Mr. Rajanvir Singh Kapur, Managing Director, WBTC

In the session Mr. Rajanvir Singh Kapur, Managing Director, WBTC touched upon the history of E-mobility in Kolkata and also went on to speak about the electronic buses. He spoke on the heritage of the Kolkata trams. He spoke how the Electronic buses are cheaper than the diesel buses when it is



Mr. Rajanvir Singh Kapur, Managing Director, WBTC



Mr. G.M. Kapoor, State Convenor, Intach

purchased once, it is a profitable infrastructure. Mr. Gautam Ray, Executive Director (HR & Admin.), CESC Limited, mentioned about the air pollution which has gone up emitting carbon dioxide because of vehicular pollution. He mentioned that how technology can take lead in the e-vehicle initiatives. He spoke about the few questions being asked on E-vehicles. Mr. Ray mentioned about the comprehensive approach towards e-vehicles, mentioning about the cost, the convenience and efficiency of the E-vehicles. Mr. G.M. Kapoor, State Convenor, Intach, spoke about the heritage tram ride and mentioned about the various details. Mr. Kapoor requested to have an archive and Museum for the Calcutta Tramways which would be accessible to the people. He also mentioned about few details of the history of the tramways along with some landmark dates. He mentioned that the connect with the trams and Calcutta is very strong. He also spoke about the history of E- vehicles in the early 1900s.

The session ended with questions from the participants which were addressed by the esteemed panelists.



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The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a webinar on "Design Thinking to Boost Entrepreneurship in the New Normal" on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020, Friday through Zoom Pro.

The objective of this webinar was to provide an insight on Design Thinking, which offers a flexible learning & solution driven framework and is needed in the entrepreneurial scenario of the new world. Skills such as innovation, problemsolving, experimentation and collaboration will ensure the entrepreneurs adaptability and growth in the changing world. Entrepreneurs can use design thinking to generate bold ideas. They can test their new ideas in the real world and continuously shape them into effective opportunities. Design thinking allows entrepreneurs to look at their venture through the eyes of their consumers and gives them more perspective and clarity to succeed in the new world.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Meghdut Roy Chowdhury, Director, Global Operations, Techno India Group; Founder & Curator-in-Chief, Offbeat CCU and Vice — Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCC&I

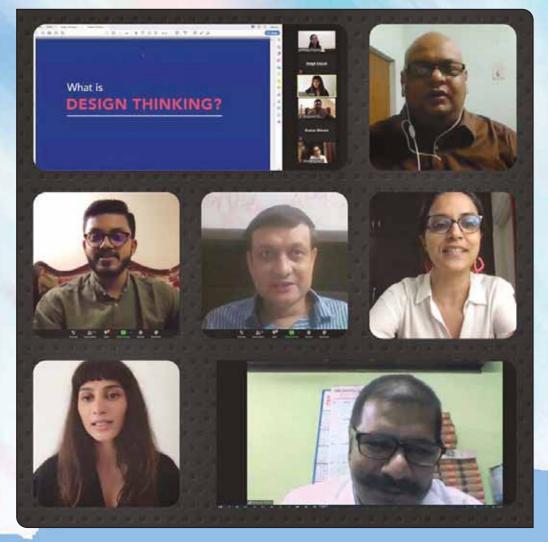
Speakers at this event were:

- Ms. Khyati Shah, Independent Graphic Designer, Design Strategist & Visiting Faculty for Ecole Intuit Lab
- Ms. Amrita Haldipur, Creative Marketing & Brand solution consultant, Co-founder of Think First Principles & Visiting Faculty for Ecole Intuit Lab
- Ms. Madhu Agarwal Amodia, Head of Faculty at Ecole Intuit Lab, Kolkata.

Some topics discussed at the webinar were:

- Relooking at the current Entrepreneurship model
- The future of Entrepreneurship
- Relevance of Design Thinking

The webinar was attended by 150+ delegates, the committee will organise more such webinars in future with similar novel topics.



(From L-R) Mr. Kumar Shivam, Associate Director - Strategy & Business Development, BCC&I; Mr. Meghdut Roy Chowdhury, Director, Global Operations, Techno India Group; Founder & Curator-in-Chief, Offbeat CCU and Vice - Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Abhijit Hazra, Managing Director, Touchstone Tie up Pvt. Ltd., Permanent Invitee, The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCC&I; Ms. Amrita Haldipur, Creative Marketing & Brand solution consultant, Co-founder of Think First Principles & Visiting Faculty for Ecole Intuit Lab; Ms. Khyati Shah, Independent Graphic Designer, Design Strategist & Visiting Faculty for Ecole Intuit Lab; Mr. Deepak Daftari, Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt Ltd., Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCC&I

### ONLINE WORKSHOP ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - POST COVID -19

The world is witnessing the carnage of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. There has a been a significant loss of human lives & the global economy has also felt the impact severely. Global markets are in a free fall with supply-chain disruption & manufacturing falling to the lowest levels in decades. Reduced international trade, falling PMIs across the globe & deep cuts in GDP forecasts for the year indicate we have entered the aniticipated recessionary period. With indices fluctuating wildly and crude oil futures hitting negative prices on the dollar, this is uncharted territory for traders & policy makers.

A key thing to note is that exports have fallen across all of the commodity groups. As an immediate aftermath of the spread of the Covid – 19 pandemic to multiple countries, global demand has fallen significantly and many orders have been cancelled. Further the disruption of supply chains due to the lockdown has aggravated the poor performance of Indian exports. It has been analysed that geographical concentration may pose a risk for Indian exporters in the current situation, given that exports recovery will largely be led by an increase in demand from these countries particularly. There might be a silver lining here as well with many of these countries now looking at reopening their economies, there could be a rise in demand in the coming weeks. Indian exporters should watch developments in these geographies closely and be prepared to capitalize on any opportunity that presents itself.

In this state of turmoil where India's International Trade looks forward to sector specific measures and expectations from the next FTP required to bring Indian exports back on track, the International Trade Committee of the Bengal Chamber under the leadership of the chairman Mr. Sourabha Dutta, Senior Vice President – Industrial Sales & Marketing of Exide Industries Ltd., organised an online workshop on "International Trade – Challenges and Opportunities – Post Covid-19" on Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 from 4pm – 6pm.

### The agenda of the workshop was:

- 1. Current situation of World Trade
- 2. India's footprint in world trade
- 3. Impact of COVID -19 on India's Trade
- 4. Facilitation measures issued by Government of India
- 5. Overall Impact OF COVID -19 on world economy
- 6. Challenges and opportunities POST COVID -19 In India

The Faculty of the workshop was Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. and EXIM Institute (A Division of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd.), Mumbai & Partner of Generation Next Business Consulting. He is a renowned

consultant and advisor to many National & Multinational Corporations, Commercial Banks etc.

The workshop was well accepted by the participants and was attended by companies like ECGC, SAIL, EXIDE, TM International Logistics, PAR Enterprise, Essel Mining among others.





Presentation and participants at the workshop



Faculty: Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai

The Corporate Governance Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce organized a Webinar on "Insights into Virtual Shareholders' Meetings", on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, 4 p.m. onwards.

The objective of this online session was essentially to shed light on the aspects of e-Voting, Procedure of organizing Virtual AGM. Mr. Rajan Singhi, Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry initiated the Webinar by delivering a theme address followed by speakers introduction. The Webinar was graced by Mr. Pramod Kumar Rai Associate General Counsel, Nestlé India Limited, Mr. Tunal Kumar Ghosal, Assistant Company Secretary ITC Limited, Mr. Supratim Mitra, Assistant Vice President, National Securities Depository Limited as the speakers of the session.

Mr. Pramod Kumar Rai, Associate General Counsel, Nestle, pointed out that conducting AGM, complying to MCA, SEBI circulars and Secretarial Standards there are certain key points that are to be kept in mind in order to uphold a certain satisfactory level of decorum in conduct of the business. He essentially highlighted on Presence of a Regulatory Support, Prompt Communication amongst members across emails and other digital communication platforms of sorts, Suitable environment for setting up a two-way communication facility and Setting up an Effective foreground for conduct of AGM. He also focused by saying that other than having a fully functional technical team set-up and conducting multiple dry runs, pre-AGM, the company should also focus on safeguarding the participants' data. That objective can be leveraged by introducing separate login facilities for auditors and management teams. The third highlight of his presentation was the company's focus on managing the event, in terms of delegating speakers and scripting events to optimise utilization of time at hand. He also spoke of the significance of recording the minutes of the meeting as also filling all resolutions with MCA.

Mr. Tunal Kumar Ghosal, Assistant Company Secretary, ITC spoke about the necessity of virtual gatherings in light of the recent Covid 19 contingencies that have surfaced to be fatal for large gatherings, and has prohibited gatherings strictly, as per the healthcare guidelines issued globally. He followed us through some of the goals that companies aim to achieve through the VMs that include emergency appointment of members and consolidation of a general consensus about a business through polling. He suggested that through email votes, the anonymity of a voter can be maintained, in turn sheltering the voters' privacy concerns.

Mr. Supratim Mitra, Assistant Vice President,, NSDL demonstrated through an insightful hierarchical pyramid the constituting ingredients for a successful AGM. He pitched the

use of SMS Voting alert; an OTP based login; implementation of a secured and user-friendly platform for conducting the meeting in tandem with the guidelines laid down by Companies Act 2013. He also proposed a blueprint for the sequence in which an ideal meeting must be conducted, starting with a moderator registering counts for quorum and sharing a briefing of the series of events that are to follow, allowing the stakeholders to have complete information about the overall AGM proceedings.

Mr. Sandeep Lakhotia, Co-Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Company Secretary, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited summed up the session by highlighting on the points discussed and thanked each speaker and participants for attending the session.



Mr. B.B. Chatterjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Pramod Kumar Rai, Associate General Counsel, Nestlé India Limited



Mr. Rajan Singhi, Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### WEBINAR ON "INSIGHTS INTO VIRTUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS"



Mr. Supratim Mitra, Assistant Vice President, NSDL



Mr. Tunal Kumar Ghosal, Assistant Company Secretary ITC Limited, Mr. SupratimMitra, Assistant Vice President, National Securities Depository Limited as the speakers of the session



Mr. Sandeep Lakhotia, Co-Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Company Secretary, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited

### WEBINAR ON "COMBAT COVID 19 - BEST INNOVATIVE HR IDEAS CONTEST"

11th July 2020

People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a webinar on "Combat Covid 19 - Best Innovative HR Ideas Contest" on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Saturday through Zoom Pro.

The objective of this webinar was to accumulate the best innovative HR ideas which are original, have business impact and are feasible at this hour for industry to battle in this Covid world. Therefore, a contest for soliciting the best HR ideas on how to overcome this state of stupor was organized. The ideas were graded and reviewed by the expert juries and awarded based on operability, feasibility as well as impact.

The Jury Board for the contest were Mr Rahul Bose, Global PDE Instructor Learning & Knowledge, IBM Global Business Services and Co-Chairperson, People Management Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Prakash Panda, Sr. Vice President – HR, India Power Corporation Ltd.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. JaidipChatterjee, Chief of Human Resource, Srei Group and Joint Chairperson, Events Group, People Management Committee, BCC&I.

10 best ideas were recognised under categories, namely: Large Corporate, Mid Corporate, Consulting. A special appreciation from The People Management Committee, BCC&I is also given to few corporates.

Winners of Best Innovative HR Ideas Contest under the categories were:

### Large Corporate

- 1. Medica Superspecialty Hospital, Kolkata
- 2. India Power Corporation Ltd, Kolkata

### Mid Corporate

- 1. The PDP Group, Kolkata
- 2. Taco Bell India, New Delhi

#### Consulting

- Global Groupware Solutions Limited (Employ Wise), Gurugram
- 2. Winniva, Bhubaneswar

Appreciation from People Management Committee, BCC&i

- 1. International Combustion (India) Ltd., Kolkata
- 2. Wellness by all means, California, USA
- 3. Indus Net Technologies Pvt Ltd, Kolkata
- 4. Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata

The webinar was attended by 100+ delegates, the committee will organise more such unique programmes in future.

### WEBINAR ON "COMBAT COVID 19 - BEST INNOVATIVE HR IDEAS CONTEST"



Welcome address by Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director & Group President, India Power Corporation Ltd



Theme address by Mr. Rahul Bose, Co - Chairperson, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Global PDE Instructor Learning & Knowledge, IBM Global Business Services



Session Moderated by Mr. Jaidip Chatterjee, Joint Chairperson, Events Group, People Management Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief of HR, SREI Group

### 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Zoom Pro

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry had organized an online session on "Future of Indian Football Post COVID-19 Scenario" to address the concerns of the football lovers who are waiting to see actions on the Ground. Apart from the Football lovers of the country various State Associations like Orissa Football Association, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur Association and IFA, joined the webinar.

## WEBINAR ON "FUTURE OF INDIAN FOOTBALL POST COVID-19 SCENARIO"

### **Excerpts from the Webinar:**

Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, The Bengal Chamber Sports Development Committee while giving the welcome address mentioned, "The current situation has created an unprecedented complexity of logistical, financial and legal issues and dilemmas for the Indian football ecosystem. All the sports loving people of our country are keen to know the

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future of Indian Football post COVID-19 scenario. So the Sports Development Committee of Bengal Chambers thought it would be apt to organise a webinar with Mr. Kushal Das General Secretary All India Football Federation to address various issues."

He also mentioned that, the AIFF is trying to lift the standard of Indian football from the grass root level by focusing on the junior football leagues. Nearly 4000 teams play baby league and 58 teams play HERO Elite League every year. The focus is to make them play maximum number of matches, as the approach is **Competition Oriented development.** 

Mr. Kushal Das, General Secretary, AIFF, focused on the AIFF Master Programme to groom sports professionals including officials, referee, and other support staffs. The plan is to send referees to either Germany or Netherlands to understand the

coaching system of those countries. AIFF plans to reschedule ISL and I League sometime in November in Goa & Kolkata respectively as these venues have multiple stadiums in the same city. He also said probably the matches will be held closed door as the safety of the players are of utmost importance to the Federation. He thanked the Chief Minister of West Bengal for 15 Cr. grants for the establishment of National Centre of Excellence in Newtown.

Mr. Dhiman Sarkar, renowned Sports Journalists of Hindustan Times, moderated the session.

Mr. Smarajit Purakayastha, Deputy Director General, The Bengal Chamber, thanked the Participants and specially the Speakers for throwing light on their plans to take Indian Football forward through the days of pandemic and beyond.



Panelists at the webinar

### **ONLINE B2B MEETING WITH TAIWANESE COMPANIES**

Taipei World Trade Centre, Kolkata (TAITRA), in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized an Online B2B Meeting with leading Taiwanese Companies on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

on 13 July 2020, Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to

- Distributor
- Manufacturer
- Supplier
- Wholesaler

The Companies, representing Taiwan, were:

Hartford Industrial Co. Ltd.

Type of Taiwanese companies was:

Hv Apollo Industries Corp.

- Riotec Co. Ltd.
- Team Young Technology Co. Ltd.
- Voltronic Power Technology Corp.
- Isamu Co. Ltd.

It was one-on-one online business session through video conferencing with the Taiwanese companies.

The Bengal Chamber facilitated dedicated b2b meetings of one of our member companies, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited with few prospective manufacturers and exporters of Steel Safes and Lockers from Taiwan, named as Sheng Shiuh Metal Co. LTD; SoungPieng Enterprise Co. Ltd. and Yuan Bao Metal Cabinet Furniture Co.



Mr. Steven Liu, Director, Taipei World Trade Centre Kolkata (first row, second left) with other participants

15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Zoom Pro

At its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, The Chamber's Managing
Committee had an interactive session with Shri Anoop Agrawal,
IAS. The Chamber's has had engagements with the
Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill
Development, Government of West Bengal since 2017.

Shri Anoop Agrawal commenced his address by mentioning that he would be engaging with the members on the World Youth Skills Day and also the day of launch of National Skill Development Mission. He shared that the Department has been closely working with The Chamber, the recent interaction being on the Recruit Train and Deploy (RTD) model.

Highlights of Shri Agrawal's session were as follows:

- Under the COVID scenario when retention of jobs is becoming challenging, his Department, to ease the situation can assist Industry in re-skilling, up-skilling and broad basing of skills of employees.
- The Department looks after 150 polytechnics, around 270 ITIs and around 5000 vocational training centers in the State, covering almost 6 lakh persons annually in terms of training. The Department is providing industry trained personnel through instructors trained by industries, some of which have placed their equipment in the ITIs. Thus students of these ITIs are ready to join industries immediately after their training. Such a model, Shri Agrawal stated, can be expanded not only to benefit industry but also to provide jobs to aspiring skilled workers.

- Out of the 270 ITIs, there are about 70 ITIs which are Government ITIs run by private training partners and this robust PPP model is under study by the Central Government. Currently the Department was also looking for industry partners for around 12 ITIs.
- Skill mapping of more than 10 lakh migrant workers who have returned to the State have been made and the Department was looking at avenues for their resettlement. Their up-skilling and re-skilling needs are also being looked into.
- The Department is inviting industry representatives to join course curriculum revision committees. Many new job roles are being examined and created and courses designed such as in Kantha Stitch, Real Estate etc. where training will be provided so that industry can source ready and trained manpower.

While rounding up his talk, Shri Agrawal invited interested industries to come forward with proposals for training on their equipments either in the ITIs or even for training of students at their factories. He also shared that bid for 12 ITIs is currently open and if any industry was interested, the link could be shared separately through The Chamber.

The meeting concluded with the President thanking Shri Anoop Agrawal on behalf of The Chamber for his insightful address and for encouraging Industry to join hands with his Department for training and skill development needs.



Shri Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill Development, Government of West Bengal

The Chamber at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 had organised a Panel Discussion along with Mr. Darshan Hiranandani, Managing Director, Hiranandani Group of Companies and Mrs. Minu Budhia, a trained Psychotherapist and Counsellor, Founder Director of Caring Minds, a psychological wellness centre as well as Founder of I Can Fly - an Institute for Children with Special Needs. The President moderated the session advised with Mr. Hiranandani sharing his thoughts on survival strategies of businesses post-COVID phase and Mrs. Budhia will touching upon aspects such as anxiety and depression arising from uncertainties caused by the Pandemic.

Mr. Darshan Hiranandani in his presentation touched upon the following aspects :

- COVID-19 has been accepted as a reality and we are adapting to it in various ways. The services sector, through the practice of 'Work From Home' (WFH) was going through hyper-productivity and this could be the 'new normal'.
- Certain sectors are severely affected in the down-cycles e.g. tourism and hospitality, airlines etc. while certain other sectors like data, telecom, e-commerce are showing growth.
- E-commerce has exploded and these players are looking for expansion and more warehousing space.
- Changes in business strategies and resource reallocations and conservations on project related work in the Hiranandani Group, as a fallout of the Pandemic, was shared. During this period the Group commissioned Asia's largest data centre at Mumbai, which though a futuristic investment, was presently giving returns.
- Huge disruptions caused by construction workers moving out of Mumbai with their return remaining uncertain, could result in mechanization of many operations earlier done manually by these workers.
- It was emphasized that the country was hugely short of welders, plumbers, masons, electricians etc. and often the value creation by such workers are under-estimated.
- How we adapt to changes being brought about by COVID will need to be viewed (i) on how the WFH model will accelerate and (ii) on how we make our workers more skillful and productive.
- During the COVID period hyper agility is necessary to explore and focus on customer needs as the economy has not stalled to that extent.

Mr. Hiranandani concluded by saying that the MSME sector for its survival should join the digital age. He also advised that a programme is under discussion with the MSME Ministry at the Centre to enable MSMEs: to access digital warehouse on creation of appropriate websites, call center app, email address etc. at a nominal cost to link digitally to the market place.

Mrs. Minu Budhia thanked the President and all members of the Chamber for the opportunity to dwell on 'Mental Health in COVID Times'. She engaged with the members on an interactive platform as they were seeking answers on various aspects affecting the mind, and the challenges due to the uncertainties being faced. The discussion brought out a few aspects as follows:

- India has 9000 psychiatrists which means that there is only one psychiatrist per lakh. Nearly 38.5% of corporate executives sleep for less than 5 hours a day leading to hypertension, diabetes, depression and nearly 1 in 5 persons need counseling either psychological or psychiatric. 42.5% of corporate employees suffer from depression.
- Red flags to watch out for in persons suffering from depression and in need of counseling Feeling empty, fatigued, hopeless, helpless, anxious, discontent and/or guilty. Falling concentration levels, slower than usual in performing tasks, drastic change in behaviour, and other such symptoms if constantly present for more than 2 to 3 weeks, needdiagnosis and intervention.
- Spreading of awareness about mental wellness will help removing the stigma attached to seeking psychiatric help. The role of close family members and their care and constant communication are vital for the mentally challenged.
- Free helplines for those who cannot afford expensive psychiatric consultations was available. Corporates can come forward with assistance also under their CSR initiatives.

The Session was followed by an invigorating round of discussions with the Panelists on socio-economic issues and the way forward.



Mr. Darshan Hiranandani, Managing Director, Hiranandani Group of Companies





### WEBINAR ON STARTING A START-UP

Women Entrepreneurship Cell of The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a webinar on "Starting a start-up", a special webinar for aspiring women entrepreneurs on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, Friday through Zoom Pro. The objective of this webinar was to give an insight on the different measures of starting a start-up for the aspiring women entrepreneurs. The webinar was attended by aspiring women entrepreneurs of different sectors and few of them had just started their ventures.

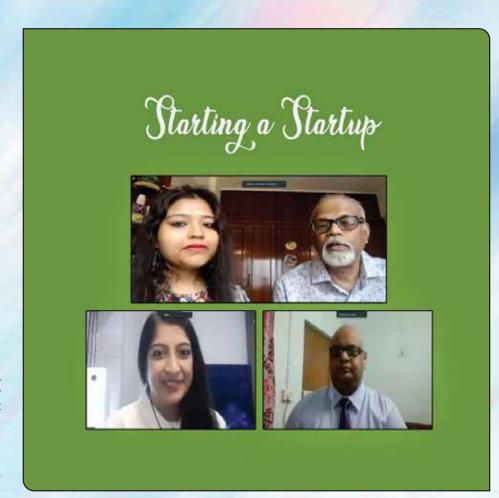
The speakers of the Webinar were:

- Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee, Senior Partner Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP
- 2. Ms. Anindita Chatterjee, Partner Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP

During the course of the discussion, the following areas were covered:

- Brief Background on Start-Ups in India.
- Registration of Start-Ups.
- Various Incentives (Fiscal and Non-Fiscal) for Start-Ups in India.
- Case studies on Start-Ups in West Bengal.

The committee will organize more such webinars in future as a regular activity of Women Entrepreneurship Cell to inspire and provide knowledge to women to embrace entrepreneurship.



(From L-R) Ms. Anindita Chatterjee, Partner – Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP & Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee, Senior Partner – Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Ms. Pooja Dugar, Founder & Director, Leap Years Preschool, Chairperson, Women Entrepreneurship Cell, The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCCI, Mr. Kumar Shivam, Associate Director, Strategy & Business Development, BCC&I.

Banking industry was in the throes of a rapid technological and philosophical transformation, led by digitization of services and driven by bank executives desire to tap into the changing consumer expectations and behavioural trends. Then COVID-19 struck and fundamentally transformed the market. The very way people bank has changed. This rapid, unanticipated change has necessitated a full spectrum reassessment and overhaul of extant bank strategy.

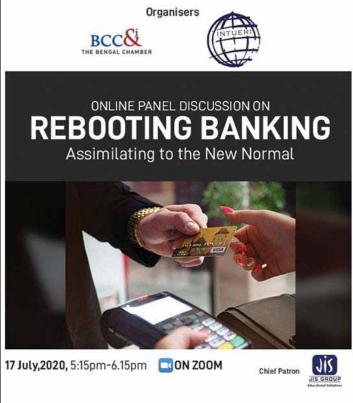
The key challenges faced by a majority of bankers fall into the following key areas:

- 1. Challenges in generation of new lending business
- 2. Challenges in developing an effective response to competitor actions
- 3. Challenges due to lack of clarity on key regulatory issues from authorities

- 4. Revenue challenges in view of anticipated drop in Collections
- 5. Process Optimization challenges
- 6. Challenges in Redefining consumer banking
- 7. Challenges in redirecting broad Digitization initiatives

With these key challenges in focus, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Intueri Consulting LLP organised a webinar titled "Rebooting Banking: Assimilating to the New Normal" on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP and Former President BCC&I. As distinguished Speakers Mr. Arijit Basu, Managing Director (CCG & IT) State Bank of India and Mr. C S Ghosh, MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank shared their views on the how to put Banking Sector back in growth path.









Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP and Former President, BCC&I

#### **SPEAKERS**



Mr Arijit Basu Managing Director (CCG&IT) State Bank of India



Mr C.S Ghosh MD&CEO Bandhan Bank and Former President, BCC&I

# WEBINAR ON "GENERAL INSURANCE IN A CHANGE PARADIGM: REASSESSING STRATEGIES FOR THE NEW NORMAL"

COVID-19 has swept the length, breadth and depth of the Indian and global economy, permeating, and affecting every industry to varying degrees. The Insurance industry has not remained immune to the impact of covid-19 on the national economy. Indeed, the extended lockdown in the wake of covid-19 and the consequent slowdown has thrown up unprecedented challenges for Insurers. For one, the crisis has pushed insurance companies to depend heavily on their digital architecture. Additionally, the volume, nature & composition of insurance demand and claims have undergone a structural change. Claims from motor vehicle insurance and health insurance have gone down, due to decreased vehicle usage and postponement of planned surgeries and treatments respectively. This has more than offset the increased anticipation of claims from COVID patients for treatment.

The issues of concern can be consolidated into the following broad areas:

- 1. Potential long-term changes to the industry
- 2. Structural change in the volume, nature and composition of insurance demand and claims

- Increased dependence on Digital infrastructure for demand and claims servicing
- 4. Changed behaviour of customers
- 5. Inadequacy of existing digital architecture and processes
- 6. Inadequacy of Data analytics, Predictive Analytics and key algorithmic data interpretation
- 7. Assessing impact of Insurtech on industry.

With these key challenges in focus, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Intueri Consulting LLP organised a webinar titled "General Insurance in a change paradigm: Reassessing strategies for the new normal" on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

The webinar was moderated by Mr. Tamal Bandyopadhyay, Consulting Editor, Business Standard and Mentor, Banking & Finance Committee, BCC&I. The eminent panellists were Mr. Bhargav Dasgupta, MD & CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co Ltd.; Mr. Mayank Bathwal, CEO, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd. and Mr. Mahesh Balasubramanian, MD & CEO, Kotak General Insurance Co. Ltd.



Panelists at the webinar

Since the outbreak of the Pandemic COVID-19 in India, there have been numerous discussions and deliberations on the MSMEs, their futures, threats and opportunities, their contributions to GDP, export and employment generation. Recently, the Central Government has also come up with new definitions of MSMEs, based on investment and turnover. With the economy growing, the need for SMEs to raise capital is thus becoming increasingly critical. Apart from traditional sources there also exist various financial products as alternate source of financing to support the growing demand of funds for SMEs. In this background, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with National Stock Exchange of India as the 'Exchange Partner' organized a Webinar on 'Alternate Sources of Funding for SME': A Capital Market Perspective on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020.

The webinar was addressed by Ms. Rachana Bhusari, Vice President, SME Business Development, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., Mr. Gaurav Jain, Director, Hem Securities Ltd (Sebi registered Category 1 Merchant Banker) and Mr. Mainak Mandal, AVP, Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL). The session was moderated by Mr. Debkumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ms. Rachna Bhusari, Vice President, SME Business Development, National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) Limited explained the benefits of being listed on the SME 'Emerge' Platform of the NSE and the modalities of getting listed. She mentioned that the platform helps SMEs to address their primary challenge of having access to funds, which is mostly dependent on bank lending. This platform helps the SMEs to tap funds by listing shares on the Stock Exchange, improve their credibility to investors and increase their chances of

getting investments. The platform also enables the companies to migrate to the main board of the Exchanges. The listed companies not only enjoys higher visibility, better credibility but also wider range of access to capital and better borrowing terms with the banks. Over 200 SMEs from the Country are now listed on the SME Emerge Platform.

Mr. Gaurav Jain, Director, HEM Securities Limited, took the audience through a Myth vs Reality check, in his presentation about companies getting listed on Stock Exchanges and also shared examples to bust myths and address fears of proprietor based firms to become companies and get listed. For example, he cleared the apprehension of SMEs being taken over by other big companies, if they are listed on the Exchanges. He shared that only 25% of the companies share will be listed and even if one organization takes over the 25% share, which is not feasible, the larger share (75%) still remains with the original proprietor. Mr. Jain advised that MSME companies should explore SME platform to raise money through listing. Large number of companies from pan India of various sizes and sectors have already taken this steps and have benefited not only for Equity Valuation but also increased business branding, access to cheaper loan due to improved corporate governance, Ease in International Tie-ups & in Inorganic Growth.

Mr. Mainak Mandal, Assistant Vice President, Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), explained in detail the Trade Receivable Discounting System (TReDS) platform and how it helps to connect the buyers, sellers and financers. TReDS is an electronic platform for facilitating the finances, discounting of trade receivable of MSMEs through multiple financiers. RXIL was incorporated as a joint venture by SIDBI and NSE.



The eminent speakers (L-R) Mr. Debkumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ms. Rachana Bhusari, Vice President, SME Business Development, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., Mr. Gaurav Jain, Director, Hem Securities Ltd (SEBI registered Category 1 Merchant Banker), Mr. Mainak Mandal, AVP, Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL).

# WEBINAR: A CALLING TO CORPORATES AND PROFESSIONALS TO UNDERSTAND RISK MANAGEMENT AND HOW TO MANAGE RISKS

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a 'Webinar: A calling to Corporates and Professionals to understand Risk Management and How to Manage Risks' on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 on Zoom.

Distinguished Speakers were Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Sr. Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Mr. Subhasish Sarkar; Partner – North, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Ms. Anindita Chatterjee, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP.

### **Discussion Topics:**

- What is Risk Management?
- Understanding of Business and Professional Risks and ways to Mitigate the same.
- Is Insurance Coverage the only option available to combat Risk? Understanding various new policies wherein maximum coverage can be covered at a Minimum Cost.
- Valuation of Properties An essential measure before subscribing Insurance Policies.
- GST and its Impact on Insurance Industry.

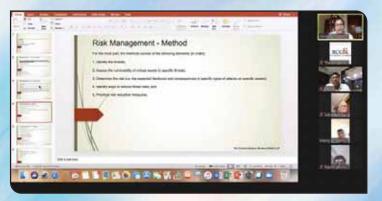
The deliberations were followed by an interactive session with the participants. The Webinar was attended by close to 40 delegates.



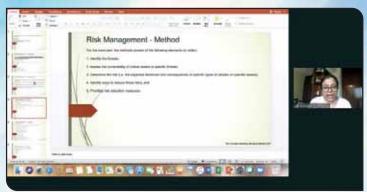
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Webinar in progress



Webinar in progress



Address by Ms. Anindita Chatterjee, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Address by Mr. Subhasish Sarkar; Partner – North, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP

# AN ONLINE WORKSHOP ON FUNDAMENTALS OF LEAN MANAGEMENT

- o Lean Communication and Effort
- Visual Management Techniques
  - o Standardization Principles and Methodology
  - o Workplace Efficiency Tools
- Process Mapping
  - o Theory of Constraints
  - o Process Visualization: Tools and Techniques
- Continuous Delivery
  - o Beehive Work Techniques
  - o First Time Right
  - o On-Time Delivery

The workshop was attended by Entrepreneurs, Corporate Professionals and Student. The Chamber will organise the second batch of the online workshop very soon.

The trainer of this workshop was:

workflows, departments and organizations.

Ms. Kamakshi Kumar, Founder, The Analysis Company (TAC) Academy

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an

online workshop on "Fundamentals of Lean Management" on 1st & 8th August 2020, Saturday, through Zoom Pro. The

workshop was an eight (4+4) hour online training conducted at two consecutive Saturdays of August 2020. The workshop

provided a systematic approach gear towards eliminating sources of process waste which will reduce customer delivery

time along with an emphasis on application of Lean tools. The focus was on delivering long term sustainable gains (outcomes)

by eliminating process inefficiencies and bottlenecks for entire

During the course of the discussion, the following contents were covered:

- Lean Basics
  - o Time Management Techniques
  - o Work vs. Waste



The workshop Trainer, Ms. Kamakshi Kumar, Founder, The Analysis Company (TAC) Academy



Participants attending the online workshop

### WEBINAR ON MUSIC FOR A MISSION

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a very unique program "Music for a Mission" on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 on the Zoom Platform to support the rare gems from the field of sports. The current situation has created an unprecedented crisis in the life various players and many of them are facing financial instability.

Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, The Sports Development Committee, delivered the Welcome Address and said that the committee through the event Music for a Mission would continue to financially support needy sports professionals across the country. The Bengal Chamber is also highly indebted to Pt. Tanmoy Bose, world renowned percussionist, eminent singers Sri Srikanta Acharya, Smt. Jayati Chakraborty and Smt. Lopamudra Mitra for supporting this cause without accepting any honorarium.

The evening started with the melodious performance by Smt. Lopamudra Mitra followed by a powerful performance by Tabla Maestro, PanditTanmoy Bose. He also engaged the audience with his fun-filled conversation.



Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Entrepreneur, Curator, Halo Heritage was the Emcee of the programme



Smt. Lopamudra Mitra, Eminent Singer during her soulful performance

Ms. Swastika Ghosh engaged the audience in a candid conversation about her journey and the various hardships she is currently facing; she also shared her future plans and various other insights. She is World no 5, Women's U- 18 Table Tennis player and is facing huge financial crisis due to this pandemic. A financial support of one lakh rupees was handed over to her from the Committee in an attempt to provide support to her during this unprecedented time.

This was followed by Eminent Singer Smt. Jayati Chakraborty who spell bounded the audience with her mellifluous music and Shri Srikanta Acharya, Eminent Singer who mesmerized everyone with his performance.

The evening ended with a closing address by the Emcee of the programme, Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Entrepreneur, Curator, Halo Heritage, Member of The Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, The Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, during his Welcome Address



Tabla Maestro, Pandit Tanmoy Bose during his fun-filled conversation with the audience

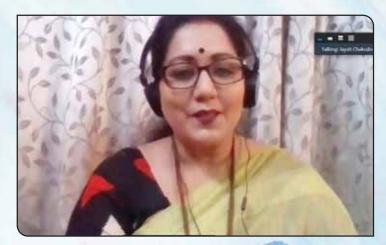




Tabla Maestro, PanditTanmoy Bose engaging the audience with his powerful performance



Ms. Swastika Ghosh and her father engaged in candid conversation, sharing their beautiful insights and future plans and her journey



Eminent Singer Smt. Jayati Chakraborty spell bounded the audience with her mellifluous music



Shri Srikanta Acharya, Eminent Singer during his mesmerizing performance

# INTERACTIVE WEBINAR ON GOVERNMENT E – MARKETPLACE (GEM) – ONE STOP SOLUTION FOR SMARTER PROCUREMENT

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) partnered with the Government e - Marketplace (GeM), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India organized an 'Interactive Webinar on GeM - One Stop Solution for Smarter Procurement' on August 12, 2020 on Webex virtual platform for MSMEs. The webinar was attended by more than 160 MSMEs from West Bengal. GeM is the National Public Procurement Portal for providing procurement of goods and services required by Central and State Government organizations, PSUs, CPSUs, DPSUs, etc. The webinar was addressed by senior officials of GeM, including the Deputy CEOs and other senior officials.

Shri S K Jain, Deputy CEO, GeM and State Nodal Officer for West Bengal from GeM participated in the webinar and interacted with the participants.

Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, State Business Facilitator, GeM gave a detailed presentation on GeM and how sellers can register themselves on the GeM portal.

The webinar had an interactive session, where senior officials, including Mr. Jain, from GeM interacted and responded to the queries of the MSMEs, after the presentation by Mr. Sarkar. This helped the participants understand how they could leverage their businesses by registering on the platform. Further, the MSMEs already registered on the GeM platform shared their experience with the GeM officials, helping GeM to prepare a way forward to take appropriate actions.

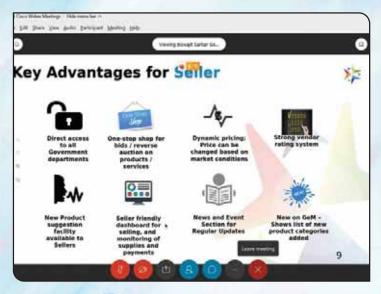
Professor Dr. Siddhartha Das, Senior Member, The BCC&I, and Managing Director of Science and Technology Entrepreneurs'

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Participants at the Interactive GeM Webinar

Park, IIT Kharagpur, mentioned GeM is a completely paperless, cashless and system driven e-marketplace that enables procurement of common use goods and services with minimum human interface. Main benefits include transparency, ease of buying, and savings to the Government. It also supports the Make in India initiative of the Government. Dr. Das is also the Professor of the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur.

Dr. Arijit Banerjee, Director, RAMAESIS RPL said "Ramaesis RPL has been a pioneer in Bio toilet powered by The Toilet Man of Bengal, a social entrepreneurship which works to keep the environment green and clean for tomorrow." GeM has given wings to all especially by including MSME with transparency in procurement and 20% representation in Public Procurement, handling delayed payment issues by imposing a penalty to buyers, and also using the same penalty amount for the furtherance of training and propagation. It's the future of procurement as today and onwards everything is Al-driven and we need to tune into it to grow and live up to the expectations of AtmaNirbhar Bharat, all working together GeM can be a booster to create GEMS from its GEM entrepreneurs. Dr. Banerjee, popularly known as the Toilet Man of Bengal is also the winner of MSME Awards, 2020. Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Senior Advisor of the Centre of Excellence for MSMEs (an initiative by The BCC&I), who was also the former Vice President, Total Quality Management of Exide Industries provided the Vote of Thanks and also discussed the Way Forward.



Presentation by Mr. Biswajit Sarkar, West Bengal Business Facilitator, GeM

On the eve of the 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, the Media, Music and Films Forum of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Adda Session to find positive way forward in this period of global Pandemic. For us Independence Day has always been a day of Celebration, of coming together to remember the sacrifice made by our freedom fighters. But this is the first Independence Day that India observed staying at home and maintaining social distancing.

One of the focuses of this initiative was to take up the agenda of education for all. Present on the digital Adda Session, Mr.ArindamSil, Chairperson of the Media, Music & Films Forum of the BCC&I and Eminent Film Maker and Social Activist said, "The true Independence of a country is guided by the education of its masses, specially of its young people and we from The Chamber have decided to celebrate this Independence day by distributing books & stationaries to 1000 Amphan affected children of the Sundarban district." Eminent singer Ms. Imon Chakroboty expressed her concern regarding freedom of expression and showed her views on the 'Right of Expression.' Former CEO of Prasar Bharati & Former Secretary of Culture Mr. Jahar Sarkar has also mentioned that this Independence Day is unique as Nature has forced us to bow down to her. The whole world has struggled to find an answer to fight a VIRUS. Social entrepreneur Ms. Nandita Palchoudhury has also expressed her views on equality and social empowerment. Sr. Vice Chairman and Head of Cardiac Surgery Dr. Kunal Sarkar in his speech mentioned that in the past 73 years, the country has achieved a lot in every sphere of life, be it education, health, or economy. India has proved itself to be a Global super power. Even in this epic Pandemic, India has maintained the lowest death rate compared to the 1st world country. With our limited resources we have ensured optimum fight with COVID- 19 virus and hopefully our Healthcare system will come out victorious in this uneven battle. He ended the session with optimism that the youth of our country will surely battle all odds and make Mother India proud like never before. The session was well attended by representatives of various walks of life and well appreciated by the participants and the media.



Mr. Jahar Sarkar, Former CEO of Prasar Bharati & Former Secretary of Culture, Government of India



Mr. Arindam Sil, Chairperson of the Media, Music & Films Forum of the BCC&I and Eminent Film Maker and Social Activist



Ms. Imon Chakroboty, Eminent Singer



Ms. Nandita Palchoudhury, Social Entrepreneur



Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Sr. Vice Chairman and Head of Cardiac Surgery, MEDICA Super Speciality Hospital. Chairman Kolkata Heart Foundation



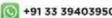
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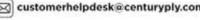
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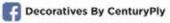


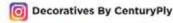


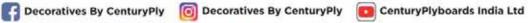




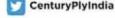








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# THINK SESSION - AN INTERACTIVE SESSION, "HOW NOT TO WASTE A GOOD CRISIS" WITH MR. KURUSH GRANT, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ITC

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized the Think Session - An Interactive Session on "How Not to Waste a Good Crisis" with Mr. Kurush Grant, Former Executive Director of ITC, on Friday, 21st August, 2020 from 6 p.m. onward in the Zoom platform.

Mr. B.B. Chatterjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivered the Welcome Address. It was followed by a very interesting session by Mr. Kurush Grant. While addressing the audience, Mr. Grant mentioned that, the organisations which have supported their employees and maintained strong liaison with their various stakeholders during this pandemic, have exceptionally managed to comeout of it or fight it back. He mentioned that organisations have worked hard to keep their workforce motivated and the leadership team have played a significant role in keeping the sales force united in Pune which has emerged as an industrial hub over the years.

He mentioned the following strategies which have helped Indian corporates to survive:

- Train and retrain your workforce
- Revisit organisational structure
- Build cash reserves
- Relocate resources
- Re Negotiate existing contracts
- Re structure your business plan according to the circumstances
- Engage with your customers/ important stakeholders
- · Retain the bond
- Don't waste the time of your people in unnecessary meetings

Moreover he added that organisations like AMUL, ITC have handled this crisis excellently and they have not just survived but also added to their bottom-line. Some companies have seen significant increase in their sales of various commodities like microwaves, washing machines, laptops and many others. Mr. Grant ended his session with an optimistic note that 2020 is an exceptional year which gave us lessons to fight any difficult situation in near future. The session came to an end with the closing address by Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry.



Mr. B.B. Chatterjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry during his welcome address



Mr. Kurush Grant, Former Executive Director of ITC during his engaging session



Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivering the closing speech

### ONLINE SEMINAR ON TAIWAN'S MACHINERY INDUSTRY

Taipei World Trade Centre, Kolkata (TAITRA), in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized an Online Seminar on Taiwan's Machinery Industry on 24th August 2020, Monday from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry shares a deep connect with TAITRA. In this context, The Chamber partnered with TAITRA in the aforementioned programme.

The Session focused on:

- TAITRA's Online Trade Service
- TAITRA Exhibitions and Conventions
- Taiwan's machinery industry-introduction and opportunity

Datre Corporation Ltd. and ZETADEL Technologies Pvt. Ltd., the esteemed member companies of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry joined the said programme.



Mr. Steven Liu, Director, Taipei World Trade Centre Kolkata (second row, left) with Mr. Debkumar Basu, Director, Zetadel Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and Chairperson, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (first row, fourth left); Mr. Indranil Dutta, Chief Executive Officer, Datre Corporation Limited and Member, Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (first row, third left) and other participants

13<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE ON "INCLUSIVE GROWTH WITH RESOURCE EFFICIENCY"

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Virtual Platform



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry is preparing to participate in COP26 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) which will take place in Glasgow, United Kingdom from 1 to 12 November 2021. 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of Environment and Energy Conclave on "Inclusive Growth with Resource Efficiency" on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 was presented as precursor to COP26.

The focus was to make the event a forum for International Policy Advocacy towards Climate Change bringing in inputs

from Government, Business, Think Tanks, Academia and also Youths.

**Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Power, Government of West Bengal was the Chief Guest.

■ Towards Green Recovery and Industry Transition

Dr. John Murton, UK Government's COP26 Envoy and Dr.

**Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI** and also a **'Friend of the COP'** were present in the Conclave. **Ms. Natalie Toms,** Director-Prosperity Team India British High Commission, New Delhi and **Mr. Mohammad Hossain**, Director General, Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Government of Bangladesh also joined them.

**Dr. John Murton** who was the Lead Speaker on 26<sup>th</sup> August said: "It is great to be virtually in India today with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and TERI, to talk about how we can build back better and ensure a clean and resilient recovery. India is making world-beating progress in renewables and Indian businesses and innovators will play a vital role alongside governments in ensuring a successful COP26 in Glasgow."

5 Key campaigns that they are now focusing on for COP 26 summit are:

- a. Campaign on "Transition to clean Energy": India already leading. Has a commitment to reach 1 lakh MW from solar power by end of 2020.
- b. Campaign on "Transition to Clean Transport": India has huge opportunities in this sector.
- c. Campaign on "Nature based solutions": To demonstrate how the mangrove forest of Sundarbans also acts as a carbon sink and helps the State of West Bengal become low carbon resilient.
- d. Work on adaptation and resilience policies: This can have excellently good effects on Bangladesh and other low lying areas.
- e. Work on finance: All Financial institutions, the Finance Ministry, the Finance departments of all organizations should consider Climate Change and other sustainable factors before making any financial sanctions, so that there are no negative impacts on environment.

**Dr. Ajay Mathur**, the Keynote Speaker, said "It is important to link actions to be taken now with India's goals till COP26 and India's commitments of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) till the 2030." He mentioned need for electrification in areas possible, for example; transport, particularly public transport and low temperature industries. Electrification in transport is slow but growing. We now need to focus on infrastructure and technology improvement, such as creating and maintaining charging stations. We also need to focus on related policy issues. A common issue that persists is that several people still say that they would purchase electric

two wheelers if there were enough charging stations. The good part is in Kolkata electric buses are growing. This indicates we are on the right track.

The Conclave featured India Inc. Round Table towards Green Recovery bringing together Business Leaders from Private Sector and PSUs with COP26 Leadership to discuss policy interventions and business models to create roadmap for green recovery. The Session included:

- Mr. Nigel Topping, UK Government's High Level Climate Action Champion, COP26
- Mr. Stefan Louis, CEO, Exide Leclanche Energy Pvt Ltd.
- Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee, Whole Time Director Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
- Mr. Raghav Raj Kanoria, Managing Director, India Power Corporation Limited
- Ms. Anna French, Deputy Head of DFID India, and Head of the Urban, Energy and Green Growth Team
- Dr. P K Mukhopadhyay, Member Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation
- Mr. Deepak Amitabh, IRS, Chairman and Managing Director, PTC India Limited
- Mr. Rahul Tabhane, Country Head, India, UK Export Finance

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry moderated the Sessions as mentioned above.

The Conclave opened with addresses by Shri Rajnath Ram, Adviser (Energy), NITI Aayog, Government of India on 'Energy Data Management for Inclusive Growth'; Mr. Mohit Bhargava, Head of Renewable Energy Division & CEO, NVVN, NTPC Limited on 'Social and Environmental Growth as core Business Strategy' and Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India welcomed and chaired by Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

 Kolkata Virtual Sustainable Action Dialogue of WSDS 2021 -Driving Post COVID Economic Growth through Resource Efficiency

The Conclave also featured The Kolkata Virtual Sustainable Action Dialogue of TERI's The World Sustainable Development Summit chaired by Mr. Ajay Shankar, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute. Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Senior Director-Communication Outreach and Advocacy Unit, The Energy and Resources Institute introduced WSDS addressing the theme, 'Redefining our Common Future:

Safe and Secure Environment for All' is slated for February 10-12, 2021, in New Delhi to be held as a hybrid event-with partial onsite and online discussions.

The Theme of the Virtual Sustainable Action Dialogue was Driving Post COVID Economic Growth through Resource Efficiency. The speakers included

- Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Associate Director, Integrated Policy Analysis Division, The Energy and Resources Institute
- Prof. Dr. Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, Professor, Mechanical Engineering & Chief Coordinator, Centre for Sustainable Development and Resource Efficiency Management, Jadavpur University
- Dr. Divya Tiwari, CEO, Saahas
- Dr. Rachna Arora, Deputy Team Leader (EU-REI Project),
   GI7
- Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla FAA FTSE HonFIEAustCPEng, ARC LAUREATE FELLOW, Director, ARC Green Manufacturing Research Hub, Director, NSW Circular, Director, Centre for Sustainable Materials Research & Technology, Faculty of Science, University of New South Wales (UNSW)

**Dr. Ajay Mathur** and **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee** concluded the Session.

 Round Table Discussions on Sustainable Energy Security for the Sub Continent

A special focus was made on the energy landscape of the Indian Subcontinent with speakers from:

- Bangladesh
- Nepal
- Bhutan

Mr. Kulman Ghising, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority; Mr. Shafique Uddin, Managing Director, West Zone Power Company, Bangladesh Power Development Boardand Mr. Sonam Tobjey, Chief Executive Officer, Bhutan Power Corporation Limited were speakers with Mr. Arun M Mukherjee, Mentor, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Session Chairperson.

#### Setting the Agenda

Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, addressed on 27<sup>th</sup> August, He was joined by Ms. Libby Green, Head of Prosperity (Climate, Energy, Urban, Ease of Doing Business, Financial Services), British High Commission New Delhi; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee

and Mr. Gautam Ray.

Climate Resilient Strategies for Vulnerable Sunderbans

This Session was chaired by Mr. Aloke Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Commerce and Industry. The Speakers were:

- Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Senior General Manager, Indofil Industries Limited and Co-Chairperson, Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Dr. Debalina Sengupta, Associate Director, TEES Gas and Fuels Research Center; WEF Nexus Coordinator, Texas A&M Energy Institute
- Professor Andy Large, Director, UKRI GCRF Living Deltas Research Hub, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University
- Dr. A. Anurag Danda, Senior Visiting Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
- Mr. Alexei Levene, Co-Founder, Desolenator
- **E-Mobility Forum**

It is on one of the four key focus areas of COP26—Clean Growth. Electric mobility will be a key thematic area on which countries, cities and businesses will showcase their ambition at COP26.

Kolkata has been the first city to feature in the report of International Energy Agency (IEA), Paris-based autonomous intergovernmental organization established in the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in 1974 in the wake of the 1973 oil crisis, on success of e-buses.

**Mr. Vedantha Kumar**, Head of Transport and Industry, International Climate Strategy (COP26) was the Lead Speaker. **Mr. Anirban Ghosh**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group chaired the Session.

Shri Debashis Sen, Chairman, Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Shri Prabhat Kumar Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal graced the Session showcasing the E-mobility Initiatives in Rajarhat New Town Area and the Success Story of e-buses in Kolkata.

The other speakers were:

 Mr. S. Gopal, Managing Director, Energy Efficiency Services Limited

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- Dr. Prabodh Bajpai, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, Energy Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- Mr. Udai S Mehta, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, Jaipur
- Mr. Hemang Shah, India Head, EO Charging India
- Ms. Haimanti Poddar, Senior Energy, Climate Change & Urban Adviser, Prosperity Team--UK Trade, Economics and Prosperity, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata

PHEV integration in Smart Grid, Electric Vehicle Policy-making in India: Comparative assessment of existing EV policies in Indian States and Union Territories, Opportunities in faster creation of charging infrastructure in cities, Making E- Mobility Convenient and UK-India Knowledge Exchange Programme on electric mobility were discussed.

#### Youth Forum: #GREEN

This Session brought together youths from different countries with their perspectives on 'Sustainability'.

The Session was presented as part of UN75 Dialogues. Ms. Pauline Laravoire, Sustainability Director, Techno India Group, Founder, Y-East, Curator, Offbeat CCU and Director, Technopreneurs' Surrogate Ventures chaired the Session. The Speakers included:

- Mr. Bonu Ramesh Naidu, Research Scholar, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Kharagpur (India)
- Mr. Mohamed Sufiyan Challiwala, Research Scholar, Texas A&M University (USA)
- Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Techno India University/Y-East Ambassador(India)
- Mr. Srijan Mukhopadhyay, M.Tech, TERI School of Advanced Studies (India)
- Ms. Meheruba Mahbub, LLB, University of London(Bangladesh)
- Ms. Areeya Tandukar, Bronze Awardee and current Silver Award Participant, from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Grade 10, Sanskriti International School (Nepal)
- Ms Michaela Samanta, Undergraduate Student, The University of British Columbia, Bronze Silver and Gold Holder Awardee from The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Indonesia)

CUTS International was the Knowledge Partner. The Chamber pledged to its Members and Stakeholders, on occasion of the Conclave, to plant trees after the havoc impact of Super Cyclone Amphan in Eastern India. With their support, 257,070 trees are being planted in Bengal and Jharkhand especially in industrial regions.

The programme was organized virtually in multiple digital platforms including cloud streaming and interactions designed for the Conclave.



**Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Power, Government of West Bengal addressing as the Chief Guest of the Conclave



Dr. John Murton, UK Government's COP26 Envoy delivering the Leadership Address in the session on 'Towards Green Recovery and Industry Transition'

# 13<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE ON "INCLUSIVE GROWTH WITH RESOURCE EFFICIENCY"



**Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI** and also a **'Friend of the COP'** were present in the Conclave



**Ms. Natalie Toms,** Director-Prosperity Team India British High Commission, New Delhi



**Mr. Mohammad Hossain**, Director General, Power Cell, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Government of Bangladesh



Mr. Nigel Topping, UK Government's High Level Climate Action Champion, COP26 delivering the Special Remarks in the session on 'India Inc. Round Table towards Green Recovery'



**Mr. Stefan Louis**, CEO, Exide Leclanche Energy Pvt Ltd



Ms. Anna French, Deputy Head of DFID India, and Head of the Urban, Energy and Green Growth Team



**Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee**, Whole Time Director Haldia Petrochemicals Limiteds



Mr. Raghav Raj Kanoria, Managing Director, India Power Corporation Limited

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**Dr. P K Mukhopadhyay,** Member Secretary, Damodar Valley Corporation



Mr. Deepak Amitabh, IRS, Chairman and Managing Director, PTC India Limited



**Mr. Rahul Tabhane**, Country Head, India, UK Export Finance



Shri Rajnath Ram, Adviser (Energy), NITI Aayog, Government of India delivering his speech on Energy Data Management for Inclusive Growth



Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG delivering the opening remarks



Mr. Mohit Bhargava, Head of Renewable Energy Division & CEO, NVVN, NTPC Limited



Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India delivering the Special Address

Dr. Annapurna Vancheswaran, Senior Director-Communication Outreach and Advocacy Unit, The Energy and Resources Institute introduced WSDS addressing the theme, 'Redefining our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All' is slated for February 10-12, 2021, in New Delhi to be held as a hybrid event-with partial onsite and online discussions



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Mr. Ajay Shankar, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute chaired the The Kolkata Virtual Sustainable Action Dialogue of TERI's The World Sustainable Development Summit



Mr. Souvik Bhattacharjya, Associate Director, Integrated Policy Analysis Division, The Energy and Resources Institute



Prof. Dr. Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, Professor, Mechanical Engineering & Chief Coordinator, Centre for Sustainable Development and Resource Efficiency Management, Jadavpur University





**Dr. Rachna Arora,** Deputy Team Leader (EU-REI Project), GIZ

Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla FAA FTSE HonFIEAustCPEng, ARC LAUREATE FELLOW, Director, ARC Green Manufacturing Research Hub, Director, NSW Circular, Director, Centre for Sustainable Materials Research & Technology, Faculty of Science, University of New South Wales (UNSW)





Mr. Arun M Mukherjee, Mentor, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Session Chairperson of Round Table Discussions on Sustainable Energy Security for the Sub Continent



Mr. Kulman Ghising, Managing Director, Nepal Electricity Authority

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**Mr. Shafique Uddin,** Managing Director, West Zone Power Company, Bangladesh Power Development Board



Mr. Sonam Tobjey, Chief Executive Officer, Bhutan Power Corporation Limited



**Ms. Libby Green,** Head of Prosperity (Climate, Energy, Urban, Ease of Doing Business, Financial Services), British High Commission New Delhi



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited setting the agenda



Mr. Aloke Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Commerce and Industry chaired the session on Climate Resilient Strategies for Vulnerable Sunderbans



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Senior General Manager, Indofil Industries Limited and Co-Chairperson, Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



**Dr. Debalina Sengupta**, Associate Director, TEES Gas and Fuels Research Center; WEF Nexus Coordinator, Texas A&M Energy Institute



Professor Andy Large, Director, UKRI GCRF Living Deltas Research Hub, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University

## 13<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE ON "INCLUSIVE GROWTH WITH RESOURCE EFFICIENCY"



**Dr. A. Anurag Danda**, Senior Visiting Fellow, Observer Research Foundation



Mr. Alexei Levene, Co-Founder, Desolenator



**Mr. Anirban Ghosh**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group chaired the Session on E – Mobility Forum



Mr. Vedantha Kumar, Head of Transport and Industry, International Climate Strategy (COP26) was the Lead Speaker



Shri Debashis Sen, Chairman, Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal



Shri Prabhat Kumar Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal



(From L- R) Ms. Pauline Laravoire,
Sustainability Director, Techno India Group,
Founder, Y-East, Curator, Offbeat CCU and
Director, Technopreneurs' Surrogate Ventures
chaired the Session on Youth Forum: #GREEN;
Mr. Mohamed Sufiyan Challiwala, Research
Scholar, Texas A&M University (USA) and Mr.
Bonu Ramesh Naidu, Research Scholar,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
IITKharagpur (India)



# ONLINE DISCUSSION ON INTRODUCTION OF DRONE AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Tech 24 Aviation (a unit of HRTECH 24 Private Limited) and Gap Avia LLP organized a webinar on 'Introduction of Drone and Safety Assessment' on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 from 4:30 pm on Zoom. The objective of the programme was to identify and help people become more aware of the opportunities of surveillance through Drones, the various applications of Drone, and also to help assess employment and livelihood opportunities in the segment.

Drones are nowadays used for multiple purposes, such as:

- Industrial Surveillance
- Aerial photography
- Shipping and delivery
- Geographic mapping
- Disaster management
- Precision agriculture
- Search and rescue
- Wildlife monitoring

and several others.

Representatives from industry houses, logistics and shipping sector, administrative officials, police and technical students (for future job opportunities in the market segment) attended the session.

The notable personalities who registered and/or attended included,

- Director, Civil Aviation, Government of West Bengal;
- Airport Director, Durgapur Airport;
- Head, Corporate Affairs, Zurich Airport;
- Joint Director, Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India;
- Several senior level officials from Airports Authority of India:
- Officials from Transport Department (Civil Aviation wing), Government of West Bengal;
- Executive Director, PWC India;
- Executive Director, KPMG;
- Associate Director, Deloitte;
- Vice President & Head Corporate Centre, Larsen & Toubro;
- Fellows and senior officials from Indian Institute of Metals;
- Officials from Pawan Hans;
- Officials from Amazon;
- Director, Kalpana Chawla Centre for Space and Nano Sciences;
- Deans and faculties from several Universities and Colleges;

and many others.

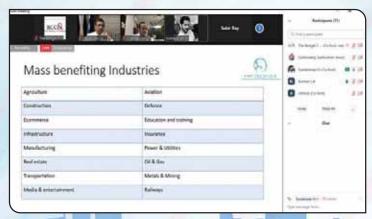
The webinar was chaired by Mr. Tapas Das Gupta, Member, the Manufacturing & MSME committee, The Bengal Chamber and Senior Partner, SysPro Solutions Inc. The esteemed speakers of the Panel included Mr. Virender Singh, Managing Partner, GAP Avia LLP and Mr. Sunderesan N, Chief Drone Instructor, Tech 24 Aviation. Tech 24 is widely known for having acclaimed courses of training on Drone. Government of India has appointed HRTECH as a permanent member of the Drone Expert Committee.



Presentation by Mr. Virender Singh, Managing Partner, GAP Avia LLP



Mr. Tapas Dasgupta, Chairing and Moderating the session



Presentation by Mr. Sunderesan N, Chief Drone Instructor, Tech 24 Aviation (a unit of HR Tech)

The Bengal Chamber & The George Group of Colleges Celebrated the National Sports Day through organizing an online panel discussion on Ensuring Wellbeing of the Sports Fraternity during COVID-19 Pandemic on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 from 4: 00 p.m onward on the Zoom platform.

The session started with a Welcome address by Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. He mentioned that the positive visualization and Music Therapy will help not only the players but people from all walks of life to pass through this unprecedented Pandemic.

Mr. Mukul Choudhari, CEO - Jamshedpur Football Club & Chief of Sports Excellence Centers at Tata Steel during his engaging discussion said that at Tata Sports Academy they have kept regular communication with the players and organized digital exercise sessions. Competitions have also been arranged between players and they were encouraged to analyze their games so that they are well versed with the right techniques.

Mr. Indrojit Bhalotia, Renowned Sports Psychologist, emphasized maximum stress on being positive and emotional stability. He stated that apart from Skill, Physical & Mental

Health, Emotional stability also plays a crucial role in the wellbeing of a sports person. This is also the time to build a strong emotional connect with our family and dear ones. Mr. Bhalotia also suggested that watching performances of the top sports professionals shall keep the young players motivated.

Mr. Shyam Thapa, Renowned Footballer, emphasized that only positive approach can help the players pass through this unprecedented time. Mr. Joydeep Karmakar, Ace Shooter, expressed his surprise on seeing the shooters of his academy regaining the fitness within a week after the 1st phase of lockdown. He also stressed on constant communication between the players, coaches, nutritionists, physiotherapist and even psychologists to keep the athletes stay focused. Dr. PushpaketuKoner, Physiotherapist, said that this pandemic has given an opportunity to strengthen Endurance, Body Building & Agility. He encouraged the players to start cycling or practicing light exercise in the nearby places to hold back physical fitness.

Mr. Tanmay Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd and Member, Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry was the emcee and moderator of the programme.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry during his welcome address



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Mr. Joydeep Karmakar, Ace Shooter motivating the players



Mr. Indrojit Bhalotia, Renowned Sports Psychologist engaged the audience with his inspirational speech



Mr. Shyam Thapa, Renowned Footballer during his session



Dr. Pushpaketu Koner, Physiotherapist expressing his views and motivating players

# AN INTERACTIVE ONLINE SESSION ON "ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT IN PRESENT COVID 19 PANDEMIC"

Zoom Pro

29th August 2020,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and Ballygunge Society for Environment & Development (BSED) jointly organized an online interactive session on "Environment & Development in Present COVID-19 Pandemic" on 29th August 2020. The pandemic has exposed that gains made to address poverty, hunger, good health and well-being may face serious setbacks, unless the global community also urgently addresses the global environmental threats. Future-proofing sustainable recovery and sustainable development is only possible when sound environmental responses, plans and policies are given the importance they deserve. Diseases passed from animals to humans, zoonoses such as COVID-19, will continue to rise, as the world continues to see unprecedented destruction of wild habitats by human activity. Degraded habitats may encourage more direct animal-human interaction, rapid evolutionary processes and diversification of diseases, as pathogens spread easily to livestock and humans. To prevent further pandemic outbreaks both global destruction of the natural habitats for unsustainable farming, mining and housing must move to sustainable pathways. It is vital that

governments, the private sector and civil society build back better by working with, not against the environment in order to manage and create resilience to future systemic threats.

In this webinar, respected Maharaj Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) to addressed the audience on the real situation and how we can overcome this through various activities. Dr. Sunitha Srinivas, Visiting Professor -Rhodes University & Member – KarunaTrust, A Public Health NGO in India delivered her speech on Social Stock Exchange (SSE) and its importance to NGOs during COVID and Post COVID phase. Mr. Agni Mitra, Regional Deputy Director – ER, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Enviornment, Forest& Climate Change delivered his address on "Effect of COVID-19 pandemic on wildlife crime". Dr. Priyadarshini Chakrabarti, Post-Doctoral Researcher - Oregon State University also delivered her speech "Threats to bee pollinators and conservation efforts to ensure food security". The session was well attended by around 200 participants.



Welcome address by Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, President, BSED and Co-Chairperson – Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Special Address by respected Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)



Address by Mr. Agni Mitra, Regonal Deputy Director – ER, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change



Address by Dr. Priyadarshini Chakrabarti, Post-Doctoral Researcher – Oregon State University



Address by Dr. Sunitha Srinivas, Visiting Professor – Rhodes University & Member – Karuna Trust, A Public Health NGO in India

#### Online Session on E-Invoicing, 1st September 2020, Zoom

Online Parenting Summit, 4th September, 15th October & 12th November 2020, Zoom

Webinar on Safeguarding MSMEs through General Insurance Policies In the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, 5th September & 12th September 2020, Zoom

Virtual Training Session on MSME Schemes and Policies: Your Roadmap to become Self-Reliant - an Atmanirbhar Bharat in the making, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. Cisco Webex

Digitization - The New Normal in End to End Maritime Logistics, 19th and 26th September 2020, Cisco Webex

Online Seminar on Taiwan's Steel Industry, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, Zoom

India Economic Conclave 2020: Series I - Webinar on Unlocking the "New Normal" Indian Economy: Focusing on Economy and Finance, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Zoom

 $Discussion\ Forum\ on\ Energy\ Mix\ Optimization\ in\ India,\ 8^{th}\ October\ 2020,\ Online\ (platform(s)\ to\ be\ confirmed)$ 

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conclave 2020" N.E.P. – Indian, Education's New World Order", 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Online (platform(s) to be confirmed)

India Economic Conclave 2020: Series II- Webinar on Unlocking the "New Normal" Indian Economy: Spotlight on Agriculture, Manufacturing, Trade & Infrastructure, 14th October 2020, Zoom

Taiwan Online South Asia Business Day to Kolkata, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Zoom

# **PCOMING PROGRAMME**



## JIS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING - ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY - AUGUST, 2020

- Webinars
- Cooperation of International Academic Partners, Industry Partners & Alumni

JIS College of Engineering organized plethora of webinars during the month of July and August.

International Webinars in association with Foreign Universities viz, Technical University of Sofia, Bulgaria and Technology and Science Federal Institute of Sao Paulo – IFSP, Brazil.

The objective of the international webinars was to provide an international exposure to their students and faculty members.

## Webinar by Alumni

Their distinguished alumni interacted with their students and delivered on industry needs, relevant topics and shared their memories down the lane. They also conducted mock interview sessions and briefed them with how to write CVs and tipped then for answering the commonly asked questions during the interview.

## **Role played by JISCE Industry Partners**

To bridge the gap between Industry and Academia, their industry partners played a very vital role. Industry Institute Partnership Cell, JISCE and the department have conducted webinar with several industrialists. The industry personnel not only informed the budding engineers about the recent trend in industries but also informed them the various attributes that the employers are looking in their employees & freshers during this pandemic.

## **Independence Day Celebration**

JIS College of Engineering Celebrated Independence Day at campus following the social distancing norms with the present housekeeping staff and security members. A cultural program was organized online where students performed in patriotic songs.

### Library on Wheels

JIS College of Engineering delivered books in different districts of West Bengal. The objective was to reach out to students, giving them closer access to books.













International Webinar on

Monitoring and Fault Diagnosis using AI techniques

Speaker:

## Professor Elaine Inacio Bueno

Technology and Science Federal Institute of Sao Paulo - IFSP, Brazil

Date : 25th July 2020 | Time:07:00 PM (IST)
Organized by:

Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering

JIS College of Engineering

Coordinator: Dr. Dharmpal Singh, (M): 7003058392

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## NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY - AUGUST, 2020

## Idea on Innovations & Startup during Covid-19 - July 27

The MHRD IIC Council of Narula Institute of Technology organized a webinar titled "Idea on Innovations & Startup During Covid-19" on 27th July, 2020. The session was inaugurated by honourable Principal Prof. (Dr.) M.R. Kanjilal who was felicitated by Mr. S. Mukhopadhyay, Assistant Director (G&C) MSME, Kolkata. Dr. Kanjilal shared his experience and enlightened the faculties and the students of B.Tech, M.Tech, and Diploma about the different ideas of start-ups and Innovation domains during the Covid-19. A total of 212 participants attended the webinar.

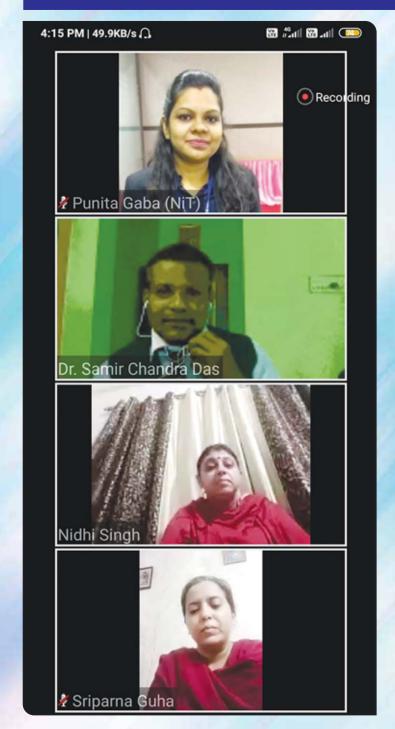


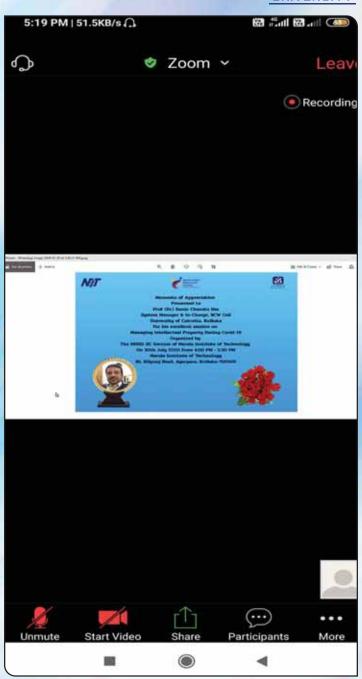


## Managing Intellectual Property during COVID-19 - July 30

The MHRD IIC Council of Narula Institute of Technology has organized a webinar titled "Managing Intellectual Property during Covid-19" on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Zoom. The session was felicitated by Prof. (Dr.) Samir Chandra Das, System Manager & In-charge, BCW Cell University of Calcutta, Kolkata. Prof. Das shared his experience and enlightened the faculty members and the students regarding the different ideas of Managing Intellectual Property during Covid-19. A total of 56 participants attended the webinar. It was a great learning experience for all the participants.







## Technical Skill Grooming and the Art of Living – August 10-14

The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology organized a weeklong Staff Development Program titled "Technical Skill Grooming and the Art of Living" from 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 on the Google Meet platform. The topics discussed were Handling of Next Generation Test and Measuring Instruments, Communication Skill on Digital Platform, Working with Excel, The Art of Living and Mechanical Instrument and its application. The main objective of the program was to familiarize participants with the emerging

technical skills, ideas and trends on how to develop personality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century context.









# Recent Trends in Internet of Things (IoT) and Embedded System Based Monitoring and Control of Distributed Generation – August 10 – 15

The Department of Electrical Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology has organized an AICTE Sponsored Short Term Training programme titled "Recent Trends in Internet of Things (IoT) and Embedded System Based Monitoring and Control of Distributed Generation" for Phase I from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The programme was held on Google Meet. The session was also streamed live on YouTube. The participants consisted of faculty, technical staff and research scholars from different parts of India.











## Role of Engineers in Make in India – August 17 – 21

The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology organized a weeklong webinar program titled "Role of Engineers in Make in India" - The Talk Show from 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 on the Google Meet platform. Various eminent speakers from the industry and academics added lustre to the weeklong event. Around 172 participants attended the program including students, faculty and staff members. The participants were enriched on various topics like "The Make in India concept and its significance". Topics on Mechatronics, Automation and Robotics, Manufacturing Technology along with The Impact of Make in India in the Corporate Sector, The Emergence of Newer Technology and its Boom were also explained.

## GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT - ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY – AUGUST, 2020

# COVID-19 - August 31

Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management organized a Webinar on 31st August on the topic "Career opportunities in airlines and service Industry post COVID-19" with Mrs. Sudeshna Maity, HR Manager of Indigo Airlines (East Zone). By next November she assured that job opportunities will increase the aviation sector and till then students should focus

Career Opportunities in Airlines and Service Industry Post on self-development and grooming to be ready to meet with industry standards.

> On 26th and 28th August Celebrity Chef Kunal Kapur spoke on why Guru Nanak IHM is better than other IHM colleges. He focused on their excellent infrastructure which is well equipped with modern amenities and has affiliation like NCHMCT under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. It is also affiliated to MAKAUT and JIS University.







## GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY - AUGUST, 2020

SL. NO.	MONTH	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
1.	July	Thought shop on Upstart with Startup	Students and Faculty Members discoursed on Vision and Roadmap to upscale the potentials of the Students and convert their Ideas into Strong Business Models.
2.	August	Rapid Library	Rapid Library at GNIT rolled out the BOOK BANK Nearby Doorstep Delivery for the upcoming ODD Semester which will cover every student's Home.
3.	August	Twilight 2020	#Chapter-2020 #TheTassel Was Worth The Hassle GNIT celebrated Twilight 2020 the Annual Farewell Ceremony on 24 July 2020, 2:30 p.m. onwards.
4.	August	IMUN Campus Ambassador	Guru Nanak Institute of Technology congratulated Diganta Das, a student of Computer Science & Engineering, for his selection and accomplishment as the Campus Ambassador for International Model United Nations (IMUN) during the Period: June, 2020 – Aug, 2020.
5.	August	SIH 2020, Software Edition	Team D@taPirates of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, flagship college of JIS Group, won the Champion's Title in the 4th Edition of Smart India Hackathon 2020, Software Edition, Grand Finale which was held online between 1st and 3rd August, 2020. They have been awarded by Rs, 1,00,000/- (One Lakh only) from MHRD, Govt. of India like previous year.  D@taPirates comprises Ms. Pratiti Chanda (Team Leader), Ms. Shreya Saha, Mr. Prithviraj Biswas, Mr. Sohan Kumar Dutta, Mr. Rohan Chakraborty and Mr. Purushottam Thakur. The Team Mentor was Prof. Pallabi Das and Prof. Sourish Mitra of CSE Department. The Team SPOC was Mr. Shantanu Chakravarty. Prof. Tridib Chakraborty of IT Department was in charge of all coordination.







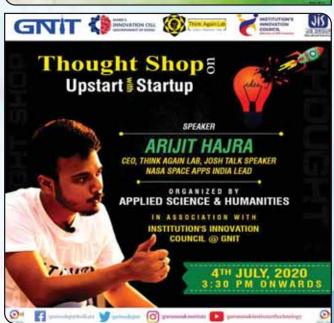




















# GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY- ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF JULY – AUGUST, 2020

Webinar on National Awareness Seminar on Juvenile Arthritis; 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, in collaboration with Rotary Club Of Kolkata Temple City Rotary International District 3291

**Speaker: Rotarian Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri**, Renowned Orthopedics Surgeon and Trauma Care Specialist District Chairperson Health, Rotary International District 3291, Rotary Year 20-21



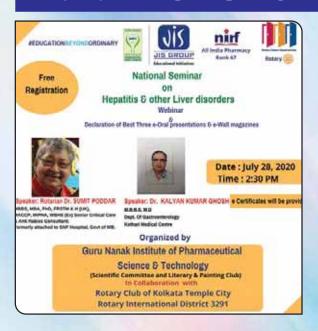
Webinar on Technique And Applications of Hptlc: Foods, Forensic, Pharmaceuticals, He rbal Industry on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

**Speaker**: **Mr. Vishwajit Kale,** Application Specialist, India Specific HP-TLC Research Lab, Anchrom Enterprise(I) Pvt. Ltd.

Coordinator: Dr. Sumana Chatterjee, Mr. Soumya Bhattacharya, GNIPST





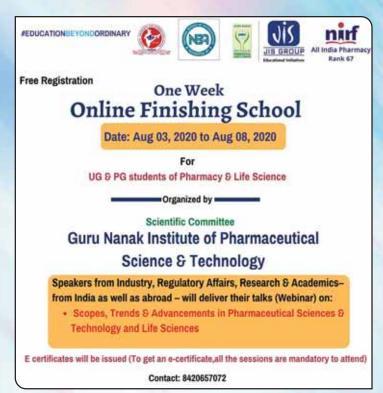


Webinar on National Seminar On Hepatitis & Other Liver Disorders on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, in collaboration with Rotary Club Of Kolkata Temple City Rotary International District 3291

Speaker 1: Rotarian Dr. Sumit Poddar, MBBS, MBA, PHD, FRSTM & H (UK), MACCP, MIPHA, WBHS (EX) Senior Critical Care & Anti Rabies Consultant; Formerly Attached To SNP Hospital, Government of West Bengal.

**Speaker 2**: **Dr. Kalyan Kumar Ghosh**, M.B.B.S, M.D : Dept. Of Gastroenterology, Kothari Medical Centre

Online Finishing School From 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020 To 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2020















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saker: Dr Bhaskar Choudhury
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Faculty, GNIPST

DD, Life Science, GNIPST

Career in Hospital Managemer Speaker: Mr Biswanath Saha Faculty, GNIPST

Organized by
Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology
(Life Science)

Webinar on Career in Life Sciences on 7th August 2020

## Speakers:

Dr. Swati Chakraborty, HOD, GNIPST

Mr. Jaydip Ray, Registrar, GNIPST

Ms. Tamalika Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, GNIPST

Dr. Bhaskar Choudhury, Assistant Professor, GNIPST

Mr. Samrat Bose, Assistant Professor, GNIPST

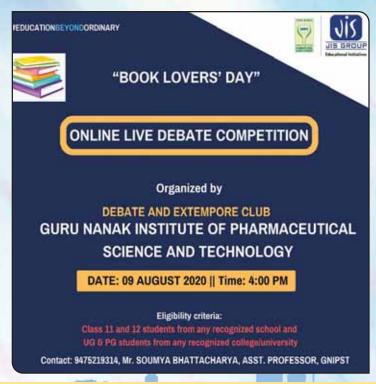
Mr. Biswanath Saha, Assistant Professor, GNIPST

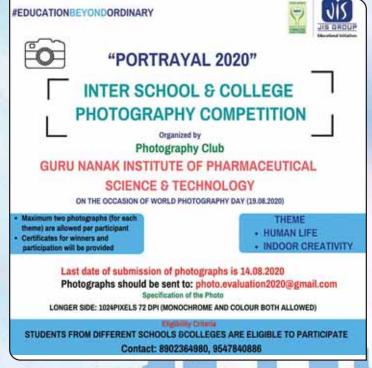




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## Inter School & College Photography Competition On 19.08.2020





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