



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



17th June, 2017

I take this opportunity to connect to you on the eve of the new taxation regime, GST, which is set to rollout on July 1st, and has been highlighted by analysts as one of the most transformational initiatives taken by the Government since the Indian independence.

As the nation is gearing up to embrace the new regime, the migration to it entails a flawless implementation that relies on variables such as data volumes, business process intricacies, legal entities, and more. I am confident that with the GST roll-out just around the corner, businesses in India will be brought to speed.

Meanwhile, India's economy slowed sharply in the first quarter of 2017. There is debate on the cause with some referring to the demonetisation drive as a potential reason. However, GST is on track for implementation in the second quarter of the fiscal year, and is expected to yield substantial growth dividends from higher efficiencies, and raise more revenues in the medium to long term.

The Bengal Chamber's activities, projects and Government liaisoning were as eclectic and crowded as ever during this past quarter. The Chamber witnessed signature events like the Business IT Conclave, GST seminar along with collaborative programmes on Waste Management and many others. The Chamber has also gone beyond boundaries and has hosted an eminent Political Economist from Pakistan for a talk which apparently went on to become the "Talk of the Town" as the wide newspaper coverage suggested.

The next couple of months are going to be most interesting for the Chamber as it has embarked on a first-of-its-kind "Multi Chambers Meet" to showcase the true potential of the State of Bengal.

Sd/-
Sutanu Ghosh
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP whose application for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 15th May 2017.

PROGRAMME

"THINK..." WITH MR. BHARAT PURI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, PIDILITE INDUSTRIES

11TH MAY 2017, THE BENGAL LOUNGE, CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with The Telegraph, presented by SBI and Sasya, organized a Think Lecture on 11th May 2017 at The Bengal Lounge, Chamber Premises on "Building Brands with an Indian Heart" with Mr. Bharat Puri, Managing Director, Pidilite Industries as the Speaker.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber delivered the Welcome Address. The Chairperson of the Marketing and Brand Committee, Mr. Anoop Hoon introduced Mr. Puri to the audience where he fondly recollected the dynamism with which he started his career and later on went on to build iconic brands with Cadbury and Pidilite that are case studies in themselves.

Mr. Bharat Puri, in the next one hour of his presentation, took the audience through the journeys of the two brands, Cadbury and Pidilite, which have created a niche for them through effective communication packaged with innovative concepts. He mentioned that consumer insights are crucial in finding the void between the requirement and the availability and successful brands are those which create categories to fill up the void. This is aided by change in communication, product innovation and effective pricing strategy; the result of the combined efforts is reflected through the increasing revenue of the organization. Mr. Puri went ahead by suggesting that two major deliberations that can help get into the depth of branding are,

- Whom we are talking to as a brand, and
- What changes are we seeking in the consumer behaviour.

Mr. Puri gave the example of Cadbury, which has traversed from being an occasional consumption item by the elite to an occasional consumption edible item for the masses and now also has made a place in the traditional Indian sweet market, with a major share in the gifting-item category in Indian festivals like Diwali and Bhaiddooj. He also cited the similar example of Pidilite which has become synonymous with the adhesive category and is being used in various parlances internationally to describe strong bonding. It has also become a part of the Indian popular culture.

The session, which had kept the audience enthralled for an hour, concluded with Mr. Rachit Agarwal, Director, Simaaya presenting a memento to Mr. Puri on behalf of The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Indrajit Sen, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the formal Vote of Thanks to Mr. Puri, the audience and the sponsors.



L-R: Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Mr. Bharat Puri, Managing Director, Pidilite Industries; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Mr. Indrajit Sen, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivering the formal welcome address



Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, during his speech while introducing Mr. Puri to the audience

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“THINK...” WITH MR. BHARAT PURI, MANAGING DIRECTOR, PIDILITE INDUSTRIES



Mr. Bharat Puri, Managing Director, Pidilite Industries addressing the audience



Mr. Rachit Agarwal, Director, Simaaya presenting a memento to Mr. Bharat Puri on behalf of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Mr. Indrajit Sen, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivering The Vote of Thanks



Audience enjoying “ Kuch Meetha Ho Jaye ” moment with Cadbury Dairy Milk as Mr. Puri talks about the branding strategies that have aided cultural integration

12TH-13TH MAY, IIAS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT, SILIGURI

BRIDGING CAREER FOR THE WORKFORCE IN THE FUTURE : CAREER COUNSELLING CAMP BY THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a career counselling camp with industry intervention in Siliguri, targeting 12th standard students, on Friday 12th May 2017 and Saturday 13th May 2017 at the campus of IIAS School of Management, Siliguri. At a time when much of our youth are unable to find their way in today's economy, we need to do more to help ensure their success. The purpose of the session was to help students become aware of the broad range of available careers that meet the evolving needs of the workplace and to learn how to connect their interests and skills to an educational pathway that leads to rewarding opportunities in their career choice.

Topics covered by Senior Industry Representatives were:

- Higher and Technical Education
- Skill Development, IT, ITES
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Media & Entertainment
- Entrepreneurship Development

Prof Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology (MAKAUT) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and spoke about the need to know oneself. He said that students need to identify their skills, should know

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about proper utilization of time and should be self-confident. Mr Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Skill Development and Sports Committees of the Bengal Chamber and Managing Director, The George Telegraph Group focused on the seriousness of a career. He said that students must be passionate about their career and should have a defined career objective. Mr Dutta spoke about the skills sector, IT, ITES and many other courses. Mr Amitabha Dutta, Director, CMI spoke on the career opportunities and way ahead in the fields of Media, Journalism, Entertainment and many more. Mr Anirban Chatterjee, Technical Director, Infrastructure and Government Services, KPMG India gave a presentation about the skills gap and focused on higher and technical education opportunities. Senior doctors and officials from DESUN Hospital took the session on Health. Ms Smita Ganguly of IIHM focused on Hospitality and Tourism. Mr Abhinandan De, Head - Industry Academia Task Force, BCC&I hosted the two day event at his campus.

The session was well attended and appreciated by students. More than 200 students participated.



Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor, MAKAUT during the Inaugural Session



Mr. Anirban Chatterjee, Technical Director, Infrastructure and Government Services, KPMG India during his presentation



Ms. Smita Ganguly of IIHM at the Inaugural Session



Mr. Subrata Dutta interacting with the students



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Skill Development and Sports Committees of the Bengal Chamber and Managing Director, The George Telegraph Group

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Mr. Amitabha Dutta, Director, CMI addressing the session



Mr. Anirban Chatterjee, Technical Director, Infrastructure and Government Services, KPMG India interacting with the students



Ms. Smita Ganguly of IIHM interacting with the students



Senior doctors and officials of Desun counselling the students on Health

20TH MAY 2017, HOTEL DE SOVRANI, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA AND 3RD JUNE 2017, THE BENGAL LOUNGE, THE CHAMBER PREMISES

ENTREPRENEURS' BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEET

The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized two consecutive 'Entrepreneurs' Business Breakfast Meets' on 20th May 2017 at Hotel De Sovrani, Salt Lake, Kolkata and on 3rd June 2017 at The Bengal Lounge, The Chamber Premises, Kolkata.

The objective behind this Breakfast Meet was as simple as having a morning breakfast with some of the Emerging Entrepreneurs and Business Leaders from the industry. This meet created an open forum for ideas and networking.

There was no set format at this networking meet; so participants were more open-minded and shared their ideas and thoughts freely. It was an informal business meet and of course entrepreneurs got a great opportunity to connect with each other over their favourite morning snacks.



Interactions during the Entrepreneurs' Business Breakfast Meet

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Entrepreneurs from different industry verticals participated in the meet and exchanged their views. The Entrepreneurs' Committee of BCC&I will continue arranging such breakfast meets as the feedback from the participants is most encouraging.



Sharing of ideas and thoughts between the Entrepreneurs



Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata and Mr. Abhijit Hazra, Chairperson - The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Entrepreneurs



BUSINESS IT CONCLAVE 2017 - EIGHTH EDITION

24TH MAY 2017,
HYATT REGENCY, KOLKATA

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the eighth edition of the Annual Business IT Conclave on 24th May 2017 at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata.

The theme of the Conclave this year was 'Bridging Automation and Society'. The programme was organized in association with the Information Technology and Electronics Department, Government of West Bengal.

Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics Department, Government of West Bengal addressed the Inaugural Session. Mr. Ajai Chowdhry,

Founder-HCL was the Keynote Speaker who addressed on 'Artificial Intelligence and the Future'.

The Inaugural Session was followed by the Discussion Forum: Automation – Innovations and Trends. The Session included Dr. Arun K Majumdar, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Adamas University; Mr. Caesar Chatterjee, Chief Data Strategist, IBM; Mr. C N Raghupathi, Vice President & Head – India Business Unit, Infosys Ltd and Mr. Rajat Chakravarty, Director - Enterprise Architecture, Oracle India Pvt. Ltd. The Session covered AI, IoT, RPA, Robotics and other relevant areas. Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber

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moderated the Session. Mr. Sarit Bose, Director, Protiviti made Special Remarks on Future of Work.

There was a Special Session on IPR in the age of Industry 4.0 by Mr. Samaresh Chakraborty, Advocate.

The Conclave showcased Case Studies on Automation. The Case Studies included 'Eastern India Load Despatch Management through Automation' by Mr. K. Nandakumar, Chairman & Managing Director, Chemtrols Industries Limited; Case Study of Exide Industries Ltd. by Mr. Indranil Chatterjee, Chief Operations Manager, Exide Industries Ltd.; 'Smart Transportation – Pilot Study in West Bengal' by Mr. Sanjoy Chatterjee, Director of the Board and CTO, Ideation Technology Solutions and 'Automation in Agriculture with special reference to ICT Based Agricultural Market Linkages' by Mr. Kalyan Dutta and Mr. Diptendra Chakraborty, LAN-Power India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Prabir Dasgupta, Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber moderated the Session.

The Conclave concluded with the Valedictory Panel Discussion on 'Adaptation of Automation- Turning Challenges into opportunities'. The Panel Discussion was joined by Ms. Indrani Malkani, Managing Trustee, V Citizens Action Network (VCAN); Ms. Kasturi Bhattacharjee, Senior Director, Industry & IoT Head, Ericsson India Global Services Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. Aijitava Raychaudhuri, Professor, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University. Mr. Kallol Datta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber chaired the Panel. Ms. Malkani brought in the citizens' perspectives; Ms. Bhattacharjee showcased perspectives of the IT sector and Dr. Aijitava Raychaudhuri shared his views as an economist. It was a brainstorming session on how are we are positioned to adapt to 'inclusive automation' i.e., in other words – bridging automation and society.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Consulate General, Kolkata, during the Inaugural Session



Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber, setting the agenda for the Conclave



Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber, moderating the Inaugural Session



Audience at the Conclave

Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal, delivering his special address during the Inaugural Session



Mr. Ajai Chowdhry, Founder-HCL, delivering the Keynote speech on 'Artificial Intelligence and the Future'

Interactive Session



Mr. Debasis Basu, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the Vote of Thanks

(L-R): Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Consulate General, Kolkata; Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Ajai Chowdhry, Founder-HCL; Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Debasis Basu, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber

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(L-R): Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Consulate General, Kolkata; Dr. Krishna Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Ajai Chowdhry, Founder-HCL; Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Debasis Basu, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber



During the Discussion Forum: Automation – Innovations and Trends, (L-R): Mr. Sarit Bose, Director, Protiviti; Dr. Arun K Majumdar, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Adamas University; Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Caesar Chatterjee, Chief Data Strategist, IBM; Mr. Swapnil Pitale, Director, Deloitte; Mr. Rajat Chakravarty, Director - Enterprise Architecture, Oracle India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. C N Raghupathi, Vice President & Head – India Business Unit, Infosys Ltd



Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber during his speech



(L-R): Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Samaresh Chakraborty, Advocate during the Special Session on IPR in the age of Industry 4.0



During the Case Studies on Automation, (L-R): Mr. Prabir Dasgupta, Member IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. K. Nandakumar, Chairman & Managing Director, Chemtrols Industries Limited; Mr. Indranil Chatterjee, Chief Operations Manager, Exide Industries Ltd.; Mr. Sanjoy Chatterjee, Director of the Board and CTO, Ideation Technology Solutions; Mr. Kalyan Dutta and Mr. Diptendra Chakraborty, LAN-Power India Pvt. Ltd



In conversation (L-R): Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber



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**25TH MAY 2017,
AMERICAN CENTER, KOLKATA**

**SPECIAL INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MR. JONATHAN T. WARD,
PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL OFFICER, U.S. CONSULATE KOLKATA**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Special Interactive Session with Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata on 25th May 2017 at the American Center.

The SelectUSA Summit, this year, is to be held in Washington, DC from 18th June to 20th June 2017. The Summit provides an incomparable opportunity to meet and engage with investment officials from across the United States at one place. Mary Kay Carlson, Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy in

India will lead the delegation from India. Mr. Patrick Santillo, the U.S. Embassy's Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs will also be with the delegation. The Summit will be hosted by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. Many other senior U.S. leaders will be present.

Mr. Ward met a few members of the Chamber, who were interested to know more about the SelectUSA Summit and discussed the investment opportunities in USA during the interactive session.

**26TH MAY 2017, HOTEL DE SOVRANI,
SALT LAKE, KOLKATA**

**CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP ON "TACKLING THE NEXT
GENERATION INFORMATION SECURITY THREATS"**

The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Cyber Security Workshop on "Tackling the Next Generation Information Security Threats" on 26th May 2017 at Hotel De Sovrani, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

The workshop was meant for business owners, professionals connected with information security of the organization, middle and senior levels management professionals in the organization and from various functional areas who are involved in development of business level strategies.

The workshop was moderated by Mr Abhijit Hazra who is a Tech Entrepreneur and Chairman - The Entrepreneurs' Committee, BCC&I. The faculty members were Mr Soham Sengupta, a Senior Technical Architect, Researcher on Network and Cyber Security, Recipient of IBM Drona Award and Mr Prasanta Bhattacharya, who is an Abstract Mathematician and Cryptographer working on discrete mathematical function and Next Gen Encryption Technology.

Participants included Senior Level Managers and Executives from ICRA Online Limited, Merlin Group, Deloitte, Ambuja

Neotia Group, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Ltd, Centre For Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and many more.

The faculty members explained how security had become an important key to the modern connected world and a crucial factor in inspiring consumer confidence to achieve commercial success for the new technologies emerging in the Internet of Things (IoT), as well as implementation of Industry 4.0 and eHealth. They also spoke about the critical development of the growing reliance on virtualization technologies in combination with data networking and enabled Cloud computing. The best practices to prevent Ransomware attacks were also discussed in the workshop.

The speakers shared their views on how solutions certainly include a reliable and secure network infrastructure but solutions depend on trust on the part of users – both individuals and businesses. The participants were greatly benefitted from this workshop and they expressed their interest to participate in these types of workshops in future.



Welcome Address by Mr Abhijit Hazra, Chairperson - The Entrepreneurs' Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Touchstone Tie-up Pvt. Ltd



Participants attending the session

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Interactions with the participants

WORKSHOPS ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT-CHALLENGES, PROSPECTS AND STRATEGIES

29TH - 30TH MAY 2017,
CHAMBER PREMISES

Workshop on E-Waste Management -Challenges, Prospects and Strategies

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India organized a Workshop on “E-Waste Management” on 29th May 2017 in The Bengal Chamber premises.

The objective of the Workshop was to provide an insight into various aspects of e-waste management with respect to the current situation and future scenario.

Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board graced the session along with Mr. Anil Khaitan, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Chairman & Managing Director, Sunil Healthcare Ltd; Mr. Raman Sharma, Director, Exigo Recycling; Mr. Sasanka Dev, Secretary, DISHA; Mr. Nandan Mall, C. E .O, Hulladek Recycling and Mr. Gopaditya Das, Environmental Sustainability, Health & Safety, Tata Consultancy Services Limited. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh,

President and Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited were also present along with other senior members who participated in the Workshop.

Dr. Kalyan Rudra's august presence and his insights on the subject greatly added to the excellence of the programme. Mr. Sasanka Dev, Secretary, DISHA delivered a presentation on 'E -Waste Recycling'. Mr. Dev focused on basic principles on Waste Management, opportunities in E-Waste recycling and difficulties in E-Waste recycling. Mr. Raman Sharma, Director, Exigo Recycling shared his perspectives on 'Role of Formal Sector in E-Waste Recycling in India'. Mr. Gopaditya Das, Environmental Sustainability, Health & Safety, Tata Consultancy Services Limited spoke on 'E-Waste Management- Environmental Sustainability, Health & Safety'. The key points of his presentation covered the TCS E-waste Policy & Green Procurement Policy; Process of E-waste disposal -Lifecycle Management; TCS -Green Procurement & Environment Policy. The presentations were followed by the Q/A Session.

L-R: Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board; Mr. Anil Khaitan, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Chairman & Managing Director, Sunil Healthcare Ltd; Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited



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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Opening Remarks



Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited addressing the audience



Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board gracing the session



Mr. Raman Sharma, Director, Exigo Recycling delivering his speech



Mr. Sasanka Dev, Secretary, DISHA addressing the audience



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Q/A Session in progress



A Section of Audience



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board

Press Meet

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Mr. Anil Khaitan, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Chairman & Managing Director, Sunil Healthcare Ltd presenting a memento to Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairperson Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to Mr. Raman Sharma, Director, Exigo Recycling



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Workshop on Hazardous Waste Management -Challenges, Prospects and Strategies

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India organized a Workshop on "Hazardous Waste Management" on 30th May 2017 in The Bengal Chamber premises.

The objective of the Workshop was to create awareness about hazardous waste amongst the stakeholders including individual industries, common environmental facility operators, representatives of the industry associations, auditors, consultants, faculty members of technical institutes, NGOs and all others concerned. The workshop was structured to

cover the policy, handling practices, treatment techniques and environmental aspects of developing hazardous waste management systems.

Mr. Anil Khaitan, Sr. Vice President, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Chairman & Managing Director, Sunil Healthcare Ltd; Mr. Sisir Mandal, Environmental Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board; Mr. Nawal Kishor Verma, Former Addl. Director, Central Pollution Control Board; Mr. Snehangshu Chakraborty, Coordinator, Ramky Groups of Company; Mr. Ulhas V Parlikar, Dy. Head – Geocycle India, ACC Limited and Mr. P. Chakraborty, Regional Director, National Productivity Council graced the session. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was also present along with the senior members who participated in the Workshop.

Mr. Sisir Mandal, Environmental Engineer, West Bengal Pollution Control Board spoke on 'Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-Boundary Movement) Rules, 2016'. Mr. Nawal Kishor Verma, Former Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board shared his perspectives on 'Application of 3R Concept – In Management of Industrial Waste' and 'Trans Boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste for Recycling'. Mr. Snehangshu Chakraborty, Coordinator, Ramky Groups of Company delivered a presentation on 'Guidelines on Setting up of Common TSDF and Incineration Facility' and Mr. Ulhas V Parlikar, Dy. Head – Geocycle India, ACC Limited spoke on 'Co-Processing – The Preferred Option For Management of Non-Recyclable Hazardous Wastes'.

The Workshop was followed by the Q/A Session and a site visit to Medicare Environment Management Pvt. Ltd. 'F' Road, Belgachhia, Howrah.



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Q/A Session in progress

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A Section of the audience



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Mr. Nawal Kishor Verma, Former Addl. Director, Central Pollution Control Board addressing the audience



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WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED REPORTING

6TH JUNE, 2017,
CHAMBER PREMISES

The Corporate Governance Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a "Workshop on Integrated Reporting" on 6th June 2017 in the Chamber premises. The workshop was co-organized with Ernst & Young LLP.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry gave the formal welcome address followed by Mr. B B Chatterjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Vice

President & Company Secretary, ITC Limited. Mr. B B Chatterjee set the theme of the programme and highlighted the key features of Integrated Reporting. Mr. Aloke Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry gave the keynote address where he shared a board vision of Integrated Reporting. Mr. Sudipta Das, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP shared his perspectives on Integrated Reporting and gave a technical presentation on the entire subject. Mr Taposh Roy, Chairperson of the Corporate Governance Committee concluded the session with his Vote of Thanks.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President, BCC&I delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. B B Chatterjee, Vice President of the Bengal Chamber and Executive Vice President & Company Secretary, ITC Limited delivering the Theme Address

**6TH JUNE, 2017,
CHAMBER PREMISES**

WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED REPORTING



Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the keynote address.



Mr. Sudipta Das, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP during the technical presentation



Section of audience



Mr. Taposh Roy, Chairman, Corporate Governance Committee.

**10TH JUNE 2017,
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TALK BY PROFESSOR DR. S AKBAR ZAIDI

The Bengal Chamber, along with IIM Calcutta Alumni Association and LSE Alumni Association, organized a lecture session on "Trade and economic possibilities and constraints between India and Pakistan" with Professor Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, a renowned Political economist from Pakistan on 10th June, 2017 at The Bengal Chamber premises, Kolkata.

Professor Dr S Akbar Zaidi is a Pakistani Political Economist, and has a PhD in History. He has been a Visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York, since 2010, where he teaches one semester a year, and has a joint position at SIPA (the School of International and Public Affairs), and at MESAAS (the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies). He is also an Adjunct Professor at the IBA, Karachi, teaching one semester each year since 2011. He is a political economist with interests in political economy, development,

the social sciences more generally, and increasingly, History. He has taught at Karachi University and at Johns Hopkins and has written over 75 academic articles in international journals and as chapters in books, as well as numerous books and monographs. Amongst his books, are: Military, Civil Society and Democratization in Pakistan (2011), The New Development Paradigm: Papers on Institutions, NGOs, Gender and Local Government (1999), and Pakistan's Economic and Social Development: The Domestic, Regional and Global Context (2004). His latest book is Issues in Pakistan's Economy: A Political Economy Perspective published by Oxford University Press in 2015. He is currently working on a book examining Class and State in Pakistan: Accumulation under Neoliberalism.

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairman, Energy and Environment Committee and Emerging Areas Committee, BCC&I delivered

the welcome address with a brief background on Indo Pakistan trade relationship, cultural and historical heritage. The interactive session was well attended by the senior representatives of the Consular Corps, researchers, corporates and the media.

Dr. Zaidi commenced by thanking everyone for having him at the session. He spoke about Indo-Pak trade and spoke extensively on the present Pakistan economy, its relations with India and the ever increasing dependence on China.

Stating that India-Pakistan trade has thrived in spite of their "often-strenuous" bilateral ties, Dr. Zaidi observed that the two countries can improve their trading relationship even without the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status or without achieving other major breakthroughs in international / multilateral trade negotiations.

He said that the two countries do not really need major breakthroughs in the bilateral relationships to improve bilateral trade. Basic things like better infrastructure, better road facility, and better protocols from both countries like rationalizing the trade transportation time at the border etc. can help the trade to flourish automatically.

He pointed out that Pakistan and India have been trading for seventy years. Even when every other relation between the two countries fails, trade continues to take place. Dr. Zaidi elaborated that despite the extensive road blocks concerning visas, telecommunication or frequent flights between the two nations, trade continues to take place.

Pakistan usually imports chemicals, raw materials for pharmaceuticals and also other machineries. India on the

other hand does not import much from Pakistan. The bulk transportation takes place through roadway and railway routes, mostly through the Punjab- Haryana borders as compared to other border areas shared between India and Pakistan. Dr. Zaidi was of the opinion that better storage facilities would help enhance the overall productivity of this trade.

The economist said it was a sign of hope for both nations that in spite of such hostility, lack of proper communication, tension at the borders and general misconceptions about each other, a substantial amount of trading has taken place between the two nations.

The usual (official) trade that takes place between the two countries accounts for about \$2.2 billion now and it is very much in India's favour as India exports much more than it imports from Pakistan. However, there is also a part of unofficial trade between the two countries that happens through places like Dubai and Singapore which is worth another two billion dollars, he noted, adding that the growth potential would be at least \$10-15 billion if the India-Pakistan relationship normalises.

Terming the business relationship between the two nations as "one of the oddest in the whole world", Zaidi said there should be better communication and real man to man connectivity in order to utilise the full trading potential.

The emergence of Pakistani Middle Class has come about in a big way. Majority of them are into selling their labour to the Middle Eastern countries. As a result there is an increasing demand in consumer goods. A lot of money is coming slowly as investments from Singapore, Turkey and the Middle East.



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson – Energy & Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber delivering his Welcome Address



Opening Address by Mr. G.M.Kapur, Chairman, IIM Calcutta Alumni Association

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TALK BY PROFESSOR DR. S AKBAR ZAIDI

He indicated that as US is cutting aids since the last few years and with China's aggressive investment plans in Pakistan, his country has been moving closer towards the latter. He said more Pakistani students were studying in China than in the US.

He said Pakistan was expected to gain from investments worth USD 56 billion in infrastructure from China, but warned that prostrating before China under the guise of China Pakistan Economic Corridor(CPEC) might lead to potential debt problems. In some other countries, with rising costs and debts incurred by these host countries, a large chunk of land was handed over to the lending country in lieu of unpaid funds.

He mentioned that after the Agra Summit collapsed, Pakistan's relation with India actually took a turn. People in both the countries know very little about each other. The difficult VISA and other communication systems make it even more difficult for people of the two nations to mingle freely. Dr. Zaidi also advocated for resumption of cricket between India and Pakistan in each other's country saying if cricket starts between the two countries "other things will work out automatically". Cricket, he said, is something that should never stop nor be affected by relations between India and Pakistan.

Dr. Zaidi concluded his speech by saying that he was hopeful that more of people to people connect will help make things better between the two nations.



Professor Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Political Economist from Pakistan addressing the audience



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee presenting a memento to Professor Dr. S Akbar Zaidi



During the interactive session



A section of the audience

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Seminar on Goods and Services Tax on 16th June, 2017 in the Chamber premises. The inaugural session was graced by Shri Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India & Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. T B Chatterjee Chairperson Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry concluded the session.

The technical sessions of the Seminar covered preparations for Going Live on GST, Invoicing, Tax Invoice, Debit and Credit Notes & Other Documents, Impact of Information Technology in GST Implementation, Online Submission of Returns through GSTN, Transitional Provisions & Transitional Rules, Levy, Supply,

Time of Supply, Place of Supply (Including a brief on Sc I, II & III under CGST Act), Valuation under GST (Including Valuation Rules), Job Work under GST, Input Tax Credit Under GST (Covering the relevant Sections of The Act & ITC Rules) and Payment of Tax. The Speakers were Mr. T B Chatterjee Chairperson Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Mr. M S Mani, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited; Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP; Mr. Arun Agarwal, FCA, K N Jain & Co and CA. Shivani Shah, Proprietor, Shivani Shah & Associates. Special Address was given by Shri Khalid Anwar, Jt Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal. The Seminar was attended by close to 170 delegates.



Welcome address by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Address by Guest of Honour, Shri Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India & Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Address by Guest of Honour, Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone



Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd presenting a memento to Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata

25TH APRIL 2017,
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SEMINAR ON GOODS AND SERVICES TAX



Dignitaries at the Inaugural Session (L-R): Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Shri Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India & Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Shri S. K. Panda, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Service Tax, Kolkata Zone; Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd



Audience at the Seminar



Technical Session in progress: Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Ltd



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Address by Special Guest, Mr. Khalid Anwar, Jt Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal



Technical Session in progress: Mr. M. S. Mani, Senior Director – Indirect Tax, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Technical Session in progress: Mr. Arun Agarwal, FCA, K N Jain & Co



Technical Session in progress: CA. Shivani Shah, Proprietor, Shivani Shah & Associates



Media Interaction in progress



Media Interaction in progress

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Interactive Session and consultations with businesses in North Bengal (with ICRIER on BBIN), 19th – 23rd June 2017, Siliguri
Creating Innovative Market Solutions for Rural India, 20th June, 2017, Chamber premises
MSME Meet 2017, 29th June, 2017, Chamber premises
Entrepreneur's Business Breakfast followed by A Special Interaction on Cyber Security by Cyber Experts/Crypto Scientists from Kryto Tech Pvt Ltd and Need of Employee Engagement Survey by subject experts from The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1st July, 2017, Hotel De Sovrani, Salt Lake, Kolkata
'Trust – The Currency of Healthcare', Group Discussion-cum-Oration on Decoding the Modern Doc, 1st July, 2017, Chamber premises
Think Session with Marc Saxer on "Creation of Livelihood for the Economy of Tomorrow", 5th July 2017, The Bengal Lounge, Chamber premises
UK Business Delegation, 9th to 13th July 2017
Marketing and Brand Conclave on "Brand Stories", 22nd July 2017, Chamber premises
Discussion forum on "Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Region", focusing on Haldia Industrial Region, 26th July 2017, Haldia
All Chambers' Meet, 28th & 29th July, 2017, The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata
Delegation to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 2nd Aug - 6th Aug 2017
Tenth Edition of Energy and Environment Conclave on 'Green Above. Green below', 23rd and 24th August 2017, ITC Sonar, Kolkata
Explorer – Tourism Quiz, 8th September 2017, Chamber premises
The Business Conclave on Entrepreneurship and Start-Ups, 27th-28th October 2017, Hotel Novotel, Kolkata