



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



10th April, 2018

May I take this opportunity to wish you *Subho Noboborsho!*

As we have commenced a new financial year, this is the time for all of us, in our respective organisations, to put in operation the plans that we have developed for the year ahead. We all are looking forward to a better and brighter 2018-19.

Your Chamber is also facing a similar task. Past year the Bengal Chamber broke new grounds in many areas. While such activities will continue, the Chamber will also unlock newer value added services, that it shall offer to its constituents. Our Engagement with various agencies of the Government and civil society, as well as the academia, is set to deepen and many new windows of engagement would also be opened.

In the past couple of months, many significant events happened in the Chamber. The Chamber heard Dr. Sashi Tharoor, an illustrious author, politician, and a former civil servant, talk about

a most thought-provoking and in fact, challenging subject "New India – a Narrative". The Chamber also did a "first", in organising a four day long HealthTech Summit, a one of its kind initiative in Eastern India. The chamber added feather to its glamour quotient by celebrating "Ratnagarbhas" on International Women's Day. The Chamber's signature Corporate Golf Event happened with its customary flair and finesse while continuing with its regular interfaces/seminars/workshops as the newsletter will unfold.

Your Chamber has worked its way through six most happening months since the last AGM in mid-September 2017. The first few months of the current year have been most exciting and even as I write, many more programmes, activities and projects are being unfurled. We have had the greatest of good fortune of having your guidance, support and most importantly your involvement in our multifarious activities. We look forward to your continued goodwill and counsel as we go ahead.

Sd/-

C S Ghosh
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to *Prime On-line Pvt. Ltd.; Senco Gold Limited; Shyam Steel Industries and Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP* whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 13th February 2018.



On Saturday, 24th February 2018 at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata, the Ambassador of Norway, His Excellency Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg presented the Decoration of Officer of The Royal Norwegian Order of Merit conferred on Consul Nayantara Palchoudhuri by His Majesty The King of Norway. The Bengal Chamber takes this opportunity to express our delight and extend our heartiest congratulations to Hon. Consul of Norway, Ms. Nayantara Palchoudhuri.

Second from right, Hon. Consul of Norway, Ms. Nayantara Palchoudhuri. Ambassador of Norway, His Excellency Nils Ragnar Kamsvåg and Mrs. Josephine Kamsvåg are at left of the picture.

PROGRAMME

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, H.E. KENNETH I. JUSTER

7th February 2018,
Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with the American Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Region chapter, and the U.S. Consulate General, Kolkata organized an Interactive session with the 25th United States Ambassador to India, His Excellency Kenneth I. Juster on 7th February 2018 at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber premises.

Ambassador Juster was accompanied by Mr. Craig Hall, Consul General of the US Consulate General Kolkata and Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, US Commercial Service, US Consulate General Kolkata.

The session was opened by Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry by delivering the formal Welcome Address. Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman, AmCham Eastern Region, moderated the session. Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry formally closed the session with Vote of Thanks to The Ambassador. Mr. Gulshan K. Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AmCham National Executive Board was also part of the Session.

The US Ambassador to India, H.E. Juster's speech primarily centered around two areas:

- (1) The US Government's Indo-Pacific Strategy and
- (2) Bilateral economic relationship – which he emphasized is the cornerstone of Indo-US strategic partnership.

He mentioned that The US Indo-Pacific strategy reflected the growing range of shared interests between the two countries and it was a natural complement to India's "Act East" Policy. It was vital that the Indo-Pacific region continued to be free and open. The US-India strategic partnership was designed

to strengthen both countries and have a beneficial impact on the region. Promotion of economic connectivity through private sector-led growth, free and fair trade, use of responsible debt-financing practices, and the transparent development of infrastructure. Preserving regional stability and security, preventing proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and eliminating the scourge of terrorism were all being aimed at.

The Ambassador believes that a strong foundation for strategic partnership that can have a significant positive impact on the 21st century and beyond had been laid and it is time now to build upon this partnership, make it durable and bring about remarkable economic rise of the region. It is believed that Indo-Pacific was increasingly a place of peace, stability and growing prosperity, rather than one of disorder, conflict, and predatory economic policy. Cooperation in defense and counter-terrorism has been a key pillar of Indo-US partnership, he said. The US sought to assist India's efforts to build up its indigenous defense capabilities, as well as enhance the interoperability of the two forces as major defense partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

The US sought to pursue the same strategic policies on its economic relationship that it had applied to its defense relationship. While India was in the midst of an economic surge as it integrates fully in the global economy, the US trade and investment relationship with India also continues to grow. Bilateral trade has gone up from USD 20 billion in 2001 to USD 115 billion in 2016. There was plenty of room to expand these numbers by increasing flow of goods and services in both directions. He said "America First" and "Make in India" are not incompatible. Rather, investing in each other's markets will be mutually beneficial as it will increase economic

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interactions and volume of trade, lead to collaboration on emerging technologies and create jobs in both countries.

India could now seize the strategic opportunity through trade and investment, to become a major hub for US business in the Indo-Pacific region. Continued reforms and trade liberalization will enable India products to more readily become part of the global supply chain, thereby accelerating job creation.

The US Ambassador enumerated a number of merits that US-India bilateral relations would have in the long run – some of which are as follows:

- America is a leader in entrepreneurship and innovation, and already has extensive linkages with India in the technology sector. Opening India's market further to U.S. trade and investment will spur the collaboration on many emerging technologies that will drive and protect the two economies, including those related to advanced manufacturing and cyber security.
- Greater US trade and investment, combined with a strong environment protecting intellectual property could lead to increased flows of capital and further sharing of intellectual know-how.
- Opening India's market further to the US trade and investment will spur collaboration on many emerging technologies that will drive and protect both economies including those related to advanced manufacturing and cyber security.
- Increased flow of capital and sharing of intellectual know-how through greater US trade and investment combined with strong environment protecting intellectual property.
- Private sector investment in improved infrastructure and overall connectivity to get stimulated through increased openness to US goods and services and expanded presence of US companies in India.
- The US shall try to enhance their efforts to promote connectivity within South Asia and are coordinating with India on financing for regional infrastructure projects to develop one of the least economically integrated regions of the world.
- Increased heft in the overall economic relationship would necessarily provide a broader and deeper, long term U.S. commitment to India and the Indo-Pacific region. This will complement the growing defense and counter-terrorism partnership and thus help in moderating any policy differences that might arise along the way.

The Ambassador felt that the defense sector provides ample opportunities for the two countries as India's defense needs are vast and because the US as a global leader in developing advance military technology is committed to enhancing India's security. India's digital economy, digital services and healthcare industry and environmental technology is expected to grow many fold and the US is ready to adhere to these sectors. US Technology can also help India address its food security and agricultural concerns. He also mentioned about Travel, Tourism and Education sectors which play critical role in Indo-US trade relationship.

Another important area which the Ambassador touched upon was about the US business presence in Eastern India which he considered as an important part of the overall picture.

There were close to 200 American companies operating here in various sectors with companies such as Cognizant and IBM, food processing, chemicals and petrochemicals etc. US companies were also involved in engineering, automotives, life science, banking, insurance, consumer products etc. all of which were examples of enormous potential of mutually beneficial economic relationship.

The Ambassador stated that while both India and the US cherish their independence and sovereignty, the true value of the partnership is that it can better enable each country to positively influence global affairs and achieve their aspirations for the security and prosperity of its people.



Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Welcome Address.

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Mr. Gulshan K. Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AmCham National Executive Board addressing the audience



His Excellency Kenneth I. Juster, The 25th United States Ambassador to India gracing the occasion



Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman, AmCham Eastern Region during his speech



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Vote of Thanks



L-R: Mr. Gulshan K. Sachdev, Vice Chairman, AmCham National Executive Board; H. E. Kenneth I. Juster, United States Ambassador to India; Mr. Debdas Sen, Chairman, AmCham Eastern Region; Mr. Craig Hall, Consul General, U.S. Consulate in Kolkata; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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TO INDIA, H.E. KENNETH I. JUSTER**



Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a token of appreciation to H.E. Kenneth I. Juster, United States Ambassador to India



Distinguished audience

**9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th February 2018,
Chamber Premises**

CERTIFICATE COURSE ON INDIRECT TAXES

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Annual Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes (including GST, Customs, FTP & FEMA) in February 2018. This was the 5th batch with 15 participants from different sectors. Last 4 batches were held in 2014, 2015 and 2016. There were 6 days of classes, held on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm under the overall guidance of Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee, BCC&I & Senior Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP. Other faculty members were Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee, BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Ms. Shivani Shah, Proprietor, Shivani Shah & Associates; Mr. Chiranjib Das, Former Joint Director, The Institute of Cost Accountants of India; Ms. Anindita Chatterjee, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mr. Sandip Routh from Logitax Consultant who are the experts from the industry in taxation matters. This was an extremely relevant training programme for taxation professionals for overall improvement of operational efficiency in their respective organizations. Mostly senior and mid-level executives of different organizations took part in the course.



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty : Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I & Senior Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



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Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty : CA. Shivani
Shah, Proprietor, Shivani Shah & Associates



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty :
Mr. Sandip Routh, Logitax Consultant



Participants at the Training Session on Indirect Taxation



Participants at the Training Session on Indirect Taxation

11th February 2018,
Chamber Premises

LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES WITH DR. SASHI THAROOR

The second edition of the BCC&I Leadership Lecture Series was organized this year on 11th February 2018 with the inimitable Dr. Sashi Tharoor. An audience packed Williamson Magor Hall was witness to Dr. Shashi Tharoor's hour long talk on "New India – a Narrative". Dr. Tharoor, in his inimitable style and flair, kept the full house engrossed on various issues in contemporary India spanning economy, politics and the social canvas.

He started off by expressing his joy at being to the City of Kolkata where he had spent many of his impressionable years. He fondly remembered the Calcutta and its rich intellectual side when he came here as a young lad of 13 on his father's transfer to the City in 1969. He felt that this was no ordinary city and he has come back regularly to the City after having moved out to Delhi and had always felt tremendous warmth and affection from the City and its people.

Coming to the topic for discussion he agreed that there was a buzz about "New India" at the moment. The Prime Minister had used the word eleven times in his address to the nation on Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort and at the Lok Sabha. While he felt that the Prime Minister had his own ideas of a New India, the country should have no problem with the idea of an India free from the shackles of castism and communal tension, an India that successfully solves endemic problems of corruption, nepotism, terrorism. An India where every woman, man and child could be given an empowered and dignified standard of living. The idea of a society that harnesses India's entrepreneurial spirit to become an economic power house was most desirable.

The concerns facing the statements and ideals were far too many, he felt. The fact is that there seems to be a complete lack of any specific steps including budgetary provisions to get our country to achieve any of these. In fact what he found worrisome was that this goal of a new India appeared to be littered with the wreckage of all that was good and noble about the old India. He believed that the key indicators that would constitute New India have in fact deteriorated and there was a need to re-examine the issue in depth.

Dr. Tharoor strongly felt that the intolerant policies of the Government threatening freedom of speech and expression, economic mismanagement and disruptive economic policies bringing about steady fall in GDP, effects of an ill-conceived, unprepared, poorly implemented demonetisation move and the implementation of GST are going to have far reaching adverse impact on the economy. These have weakened the performance of the Indian economy in terms of conventional indices such as GDP growth rates, job creation, investment levels, plunging exports, bank credit growth, rural despair etc. Dr. Tharoor quoted figures to substantiate his statements.

Dr. Tharoor went on to describe the 'New India' he wanted. It would be a new India where one does not get lynched for the food one ate, marginalized for the faith one held dear, criminalized for using one's fundamental rights guaranteed by the Country's Constitution. Instead, we must look forward to a New India that celebrates and vindicates Pluralism which is after all given to us by our own history and our own historical experience. To progressive Indians the idea of a New India would be fundamentally rooted in the idea of India that our founding fathers believed in.

Dr. Tharoor firmly believed that we Indians not only just co-exist, we thrive in our diversity and that is our strength. In his book "Why I am a Hindu?" He has quoted Swami Vivekananda quite extensively who had said, "My religion is one that has taught not just tolerance but acceptance". For new India to succeed and thrive, he felt we will have to embrace inclusive India, by maintaining a commitment to democracy and pluralism. By doing so we can truly fulfill the aspirations of all Indians which of course is supposed to be the slogan "sab ka saath sab ka vikas".

The inclusive vision of a new India must be complemented by development, as we move forward - development that recognizes that to create a new India we still have old battles to fight. That is, we are still trying to ensure for everybody in our country the basics, "roti, kapra aur maakan". To this there is a challenge to add 'pani' (drinking water), 'bijli', 'sadak' and of course internet and mobile broadband.

The blueprint for a new India must address creatively, quickly and securely the issues of the country's 363 million people living below the poverty line and it was not the UN World Bank poverty line of 2 dollars (1.9 is what they have come down at) per person per day, but the Indian poverty line which in rural India is calculated as 32 US cents a day.

New India must be built on the liberalization we embarked upon in 1991; economic growth is obviously vital to pulling people out of poverty. But the fruits of that growth, the revenues that come from our growth must be shared with those who are marginalized and otherwise excluded from the benefits from our growth. As India navigates its development, he felt, we must focus on ensuring that the benefits of our growth are shared across the nation by our youth who are struggling to find jobs and by our poorest, for whom development is indispensable and needs to be life changing. Any discussion of course about new India has to be focused on the youth who are building new India for, if not for the young. We have trained world class scientists and engineers but 431 million of our compatriots are still illiterate.

The other issue was education. India has more children who have not seen the inside of a school than any country in the world does. We have a great demographic advantage. 65% of our population is under 35, half of population is under 25, there is 287 million Indian in the age group between 10-22, the future leaders of this country. This is potentiality also a young, dynamic, energetic labour force that could deliver to us the demographic dividend that is so often proclaimed across global platforms at a time when the rest of the world including our major competitors are aging. This means we have to provide the generation with both education and employment opportunities.

Dr. Tharoor quoted World Bank's figure showing 30.8% of our population between 15-29 years, that's almost a third of that crucial age group which is where they are starting to work. Of that age group, 30.8% are not in education, not in employment, and not in training, so what future can we expect for them? No wonder that a recent survey reported that 70% of young Indians are anxious about their job perspectives. What we really have to focus on are the 25%, the people at the bottom of our social economic ladder whom we can't afford to leave out.

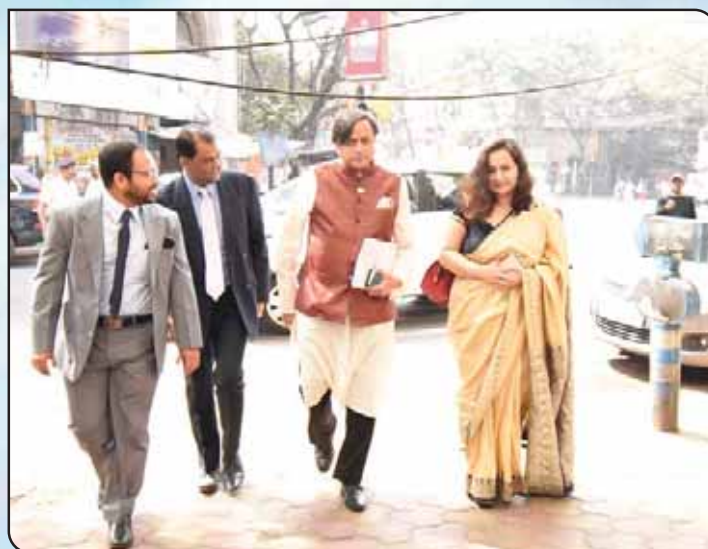
Dr. Tharoor also felt that there is an urgent need to do something about the continuing exploitation of the poor. He referred to an UN special rapport, in which it was said that the public authorities were forcing individuals into building toilets by threatening to revoke their ration cards if they can't show that they built a toilet. It is necessary to have a sense of priority and perspective. The same goes for Aadhar card. The adhoc policies were not actually helping India's poorest or India's youth because they are insufficient to the scale of the problem. The solution was to have policies that actually are made in consultation with those affected.

There was a great need to address the issue concerning the Ease of Doing Business in India. It's interesting that Bhutan and Nepal fare better than us in the Ease of Doing rankings. Any foreign entity looking to setup business in India must deal with TDS rules, uncertain tax regulations, excessive paperwork and delays in the processing of that paperwork. While registering a business takes only about 2 days in Australia, it takes atleast 30 days in India leaving out the registration process of GST etc.

Dr. Tharoor also addressed the critical issue of infrastructure, another road-block to New India. Here again prioritization was important. Internet is still very much a realm full of opportunities, still sadly out of reach for most Indians. Amongst 92 countries, major economies in the world, in terms of average broadband speed, we are ninety second. So that's how bad the situation is and the Government has struggled

to provide Wi-Fi connectivity to even 10% of our rural areas. Healthcare is another serious issue to be considered, according to Dr. Tharoor to build a new India. Health setback can be catastrophic for a poor family. When the bread earner gets a serious illness that means they often have to not just stop getting their income, they may have to sell their home, their land just to treat the person, entire families can be destroyed for generations by one major illness. What has been done till now was just not enough paid out to farmers whose crops failed and all the rest has gone to the insurance companies.

Dr. Tharoor concluded his talk categorically stating that we should have a new India that ideology binds people together, rather than separates one Indian from other. At the same time, we need to strengthen the democratic institutions that keep us going. We very much need to have transparency and accountability. We need Institutions to be strengthened not weakened. We need something better than one man rule. A leadership that empowers our people is the only kind of India that can truly be worthy of the term "New India". We can have a New India which belongs to all of us, led by a Government that works for all of us. We can have a New India that belongs to some or one particular religion. We can choose a New India that embodies hope. We can support a New India that is united in driving an aspiration. He felt that if we want to have a New India to be celebrated, it must be one that stays together, that works together, that dreams the same dreams together. Such an India can still make the twenty first century our own.



Dr. Shashi Tharoor being escorted into the Chamber by (L-R) Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha , Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal welcome address



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry setting the tone for the day's proceedings



Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament representing Thiruvananthapuram and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs addressing the gathering



Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the Q & A session



Mr. Sunil Mitra, Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry during Q & A



Mr. G. M. Kapur, Member, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry during Q & A

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Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group & Managing Committee Member of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry handing over a memento to Dr. Shashi Tharoor on behalf of The Bengal Chamber



Mr. Sidhartha Roy, CEO Response India Limited and Member, Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry handing over memento to Dr. Shashi Tharoor on behalf of The Bengal Chamber



Audience at the session



Dr. Shashi Tharoor taking a look around the Calcutta Gallery

WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT (WSDS) THEMED 'PARTNERSHIPS FOR A RESILIENT PLANET'

February 15-17, 2018,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry participated in the (WSDS), themed 'Partnerships for a Resilient Planet' which took place from 15th February to 17th February 2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The Chamber is the Regional Partner of TERI - WSDS and organized the Regional Dialogue of WSDS, themed, 'Urban Landscapes: Transformative Approaches' which was hosted on 28th February 2017 in Kolkata.

The Chamber also participated in Greenovation Exhibiton which was a significant part of the Summit, and inviting leading domestic and global companies to exhibit their latest technologies, and innovations in the field of energy efficiency, waste management, sustainable transport, water conservation and others.

Under the aegis of the Chamber, Cenergist India and Exide Industries Ltd., both corporate members of the Chamber also participated in the Greenovation Exhibition. Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was the Chief Guest at WSDS.

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Dr. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development of The Earth Institute, Columbia University; Her Excellency Patricia Apeageyi, Deputy Minister for Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation of Government of Ghana and Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI approaching Greenovation Exhibition



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber interacting at the Chamber pavilion

Greenovation Exhibiton

SESSION ON EMERGING RISKS FOR BUSINESS IN 2018 AND THE NEW COSO ERM FRAMEWORK

20th February 2018, The Bengal Club, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Protiviti organized a Session on Emerging Risks for Business in 2018 and the New COSO ERM Framework on Tuesday, 20th February 2018, The Bengal Club, Kolkata.

Mr Robert (Bob) Hirth, Immediate Past COSO Chairman shared his experience and insights into these emerging risks and provided an overview of the new COSO ERM Framework with its importance in strategic and operational planning. The angst among the corporate and political leaders, board members, and the executives around unknown risks have never been more heightened than at present. This has been exacerbated by rapid technological changes, emergence of crypto currencies, and promulgation of new global regulations such as GDPR, proliferation of cybercrime, environmental pollution, global warming and so on. How do governments, economists, corporates and society at large deal with such disruptions? Can these all be strategized? What role does enterprise risk management (ERM) play? The new ERM COSO Framework 2017 provides a structure and guidance in addressing the challenges that are baffling the corporates and the business leaders.

The session was well attended by corporates and was concluded by Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber.

PROGRAMME

MEDICA - BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY IN ASSOCIATION WITH ADAMAS UNIVERSITY, SEASON-7

23rd February 2018,
Tollygunge Club, Kolkata

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

In keeping with this idea, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized on Friday, 23rd February 2018 from 7.30 a.m. onwards, the seventh edition of the Annual MEDICA - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy in association with Adamas University, a golfing extravaganza for corporates, at the Tollygunge Club, Kolkata. We had a very simple objective – providing corporate leaders an opportunity to showcase their skills with the club, meet new players and develop new friendships. Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because the cart cannot count, criticize, or laugh. On the contrary, our event was an excellent opportunity for all the keen amateurs to not worry about scores, but just have a lot of fun.

Close to 80 golfers participated. Leading city-based corporates participated in the event which was played in a Stableford Format. The Overall Winner of the "MEDICA - Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy" was Mr. Vijay Dimri with 40 Points. For Handicap Category (19 – 24), the Runners Up was Mr. Adhir Kohli and the Winner was Mr. Debasis Sur. For Handicap Category (0-18), the RunnersUp was Mr. Sanjay Gupta and the Winner was Mr. Viren Sinha.

The supporters of the entire tournament and the evening were Pouring Partner Bacardi Limited, Luxury Car Partner BMW, Co- Sponsors CESC Limited, ITC Limited, India Bulls, Raichak On Ganges, Williamson Magor Group and LIC India. Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber presented the awards.



Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber & Chairman Medica Group of Hospitals presenting the RunnersUp trophy



Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber & Chairman Medica Group of Hospitals along with his team.



Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber & Chairman Medica Group of Hospitals taking the first tee off.



Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber & Chairman Medica Group of Hospitals presenting the Winner's trophy.

**23rd February 2018,
Tollygunge Club, Kolkata**

**MEDICA - BENGAL CHAMBER GOLF TROPHY IN
ASSOCIATION WITH ADAMAS UNIVERSITY, SEASON-7**



Backdrop of the Event



Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with his team



Mr. Arun Singh, Managing Director, Goodricke Group Limited along with his team



Participants playing during the tournament

**28th February,
Chamber Premises**

**INTERACTION WITH DR. RICHARD BELLINGHAM, DIRECTOR,
INSTITUTE FOR FUTURE CITIES, UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE**

An Exclusive Interaction was organized with Mr Richard Bellingham, Director, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde on 'Integrated Energy Planning for Sustainable Cities' on 28th February 2018 at the Chamber. Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber led the discussions. Mr. Bruce Bucknell, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata was present. The interaction was also attended by Mr. Arnab Roy IAS, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal; Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board and Dr. Subrat Mukherjee, IFS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board



L-R: Mr. Ashok Kumar Goswami, Whole time Director, India Power Corporation Limited; Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Control Board; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry;; Shri Arnab Roy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Richard Bellingham, Director, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclythep; Mr. Bruce Bucknell, Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata; Dr. Robert Rogerson, Deputy Director, Institute for Future Cities, University of Stratclythep and Dr. Subrat Mukherjee, IFS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board during the interactive sessio

On 8th March, 2018, the Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised the 4th edition of Ratnagarbha, a unique initiative to celebrate International Women's Day.

A woman in her lifetime dons multiple roles, Motherhood being one of the most special ones. As a mother, she creates and nurtures and gifts a new generation to the country. She juggles between the roles of a provider, a disciplinarian, a friend, a teacher, a guide and many more. A woman redefines and rediscovers herself through the journey of motherhood. A mother and child relation is an epitome of unparalleled love, care and support irrespective of time, space and distance.

The Bengal Chamber through "Ratnagarbha" seeks to salute women for this colossal job of strength, struggle and beauty. The evening was dedicated to those women who have offered us the jewels of our nation. The Chamber paid special tribute to the "Mothers' of our Leading Lights" from the sectors of Sports, Theatre, Film, Music, Visual Arts and Business.

The programme was hosted by Mr. Mir Afsar Ali, who, in his inimitable style kept the audience regaled through his cheerful interactions with the awardees and their mothers.

Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson of the Sports Development Committee delivering the opening address, spoke about the invaluable contribution of women to the society as he reminisced about the love and support of his mother in his life.

The list of illustrious celebrities who received the award were:

- Sardarni Satnam Kaur, mother of Mr. Taranjit Singh, Mr. Amrik Singh & Mr. Haranjit Singh of JIS Group in the Business Category.
- Smt. Ila Rani Kundu, mother of Shri Rupchand Kundu, in the Visual Arts Category.
- Smt. Rita Porel, mother of Mr. Ishan Porel in the Sports Category.
- Smt. Bharati Chakraborty, mother of Ms. Tilottama Majumdar in the Literature Category
- Smt. Kana Acharya, mother of Shri Srikanto Acharya in the Music Category
- Smt. Papia Dam, mother of Ms. Paoli Dam in the Films Category

The program concluded with Mr. B B Chatterjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Vote of Thanks and thereafter with a musical rendition by Aashmi.



Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Mir Afsar Ali hosting The Bengal Chamber Ratnagarbha programme



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber delivering the formal welcome address



Sardarni Satnam Kaur, Mother of Mr. Taranjit Singh, Mr. Haranjit Singh and Mr. Amrik Singh of JIS Group receiving Ratnagarbha award in the Business Category

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Shrimati Ila Rani Kundu, Mother of Shri Rupchand Kundu receiving the Ratnagarbha award in the Visual Arts category from Mr. Supriyo Sinha, Vice President and Head, Anandabazar Patrika



Mr. Debasish Dutta, veteran sports journalist introducing Mr. Ishan Porel



Shrimati Rupa Porel, mother of Mr. Ishan Porel receiving the Ratnagarbha award in the Sports Category from Mrs. & Mr. Sankar Sen, Managing Director, Senco Gold



Mrs. & Mr. Suvankar Sen, Wholtime Director, Senco Gold, looks on as Ms. Tilottama Majumdar talks about her mother, Mrs. Bharati Chakraborty



Mr. Mir Afsar Ali shares an emotional moment with Mrs. Bharati Chakraborty



Mrs. Bharati Chakraborty, mother of Shrimati Tilottama Majumdar receiving the Ratnagarbha award in Literature category



Ms. Swarnali Kanjilal of Adi Mohini Mohan Kanjilal while presenting the Ratnagarbha Award to Shrimati Kana Acharya, mother of Shri Srikanto Acharya



Shrimati Kana Acharya, mother of Shri Srikanto Acharya shares an emotion moment after receiving the Ratnagarbha award in Music Category



Ms. Paoli Dam at the award ceremony



Ms. Papiya Dam, mother of Ms. Paoli Dam receiving the Ratnagarbha award in the Films Category from Mr. Amlan Mukherjee, General Manager, Head of Business, East, Hindustan Unilever Limited



Audience at the programme



Audience and guests at the programme

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Mr. B. B. Chatterjee, Senior Vice President of The Bengal Chamber delivering the formal Vote of Thanks



Mr. Mir Afsar Ali, receiving a token of appreciation from Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber



The Bengal Chamber Ratnagarbhas with the Jewels of the nation at the Programme with Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with, Medica Superspecialty Hospital Kolkata, organized Health Tech 2018 which was held on 8th-11th March 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Kolkata.

The Objectives of Health Tech 2018 were:

- The **only dedicated** event in Eastern India region for the healthcare & wellness industry
- **To showcase and demonstrate best-in-class technology solutions tailor-made for the healthcare sector**
- **To promote & showcase medical devices/equipment**
- **Opportunity to do B2B meetings** directly with industry

professionals

- **Ideal platform to introduce new products & applications**
- Meeting business partners under one roof
- Expand business opportunity in a region with tremendous growth in healthcare market
- **Explore new business opportunities**
- **Ideal platform to enhance brand image and build awareness**
- **Evaluate the competition**

From electronic records in the doctor's office, to robotic instruments in the operating room, information technology is redefining how healthcare functions in our society.

The use of technology in healthcare in the forms of **Robotics, Analytics, Tele Medicine, AI** to name a few, is gaining popularity with passing time and improving with scientific advancements. Use of **healthcare mobile applications** are increasingly gaining popularity. According to industry estimates, about 500 million smartphone users worldwide would be using a health care application by 2015, and by 2018, 50 percent of the more than 3.4 billion smartphone and tablet users will have downloaded mobile health applications. In this context, some of the cutting edge technology applications which are shaping the healthcare today and creating the pathway for healthcare in few years to come were discussed, demonstrated and showcased at the Health Tech 2018.

The Health Tech 2018 summit started with a curtain raiser on global perspectives on 8th March 2018. The programme was addressed by **His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili**, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia and **Mr. Moloy Banerjee**, Head, South Asia, Linde Gases Division was a special invitee.

The three days that followed had a different focus each. 9th March was focused on the Information Technology part of technologies in healthcare. 10th March, focused on the entrepreneurship and business opportunities for technologies in the healthcare space; while 11th March was a focused medical conference where the focus was on healthcare and the technological practices that are existing in this domain.

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The Opening Session included **Dr. Michael Feiner**, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Kolkata who spoke on **HealthTech as an opportunity for Business Collaboration- Promoting Bilateral Business between: Germany and India with special focus on Eastern India**. The programme was also graced by **His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili**, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia. The programme also featured a launch of a special publication titled **"Reimagining the possible in India's Healthcare with emerging technologies"** authored by PwC India.

Another significant feature of the programme was the Signing of MoU between Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The

MoU was signed by **His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili**, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia and **Mr. Subhodip Ghosh**, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The session was further addressed by Dr. Rana Mehta, Partner, Leader Healthcare, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. on **'AI, Analytics and the Future of Healthcare'**. **Mr. Sanjiv Mehta**, Country Manager – Education, Healthcare and Startup's, HP gave us the **Industry Perspective on VR and 3D printing**. **The Theme Address on 'Next Wave of Healthcare Transformation'** was delivered by **Mr. Girish Kulkarni**, Chairperson – CHIME India Chapter, Board Member – HIMSS India APAC Chapter and Jt. Secretary – CIOKlub Governing Body. **Mr. Abhijit Majumdar**, Leader IT Strategy, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. spoke about **IoT in Healthcare**.

The Opening Session was followed by the **CIO's Forum** themed **'When Technology converges with Health care to deliver advanced services'**. The Session was chaired by **Mr. Sanjoy Sen**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Limited and the Panelists included **Mr. Nandkishor Dhomne**, VP-IT & CIO, Manipal Hospitals; **Mr. Girish Koppar**, Sr. Manager – IT, Lilavati Hospital; **Mr Inderjith Davalur**, Group CIO, KIMS; **Mr Niranjan Ramakrishnan**, Group Head IT, Kauvery Hospitals; **Mr. Ishaq Quadri**, Consultant CIO and Secretary HIMSS India; **Mr. Syed K Murshed**, General Manager – IT, Medica Hospitals Pvt Ltd and **Mr. Sudip Roy**, CEO, Tickto Inc. and Group Advisor, AMRI Hospitals and Frank Ross Ltd.

The programme also included a Session themed Destination West Bengal for Health Tech: Case Studies, Experiences and Best Practices

- Wearables
- IoT
- AI

This Session was chaired by **Dr. Arpan Pal**, Principal Scientist & Head, Embedded Systems & Robotics, TCS Research & Innovation, TATA Consultancy Services who also shared his insights on best practices. Panelists of this session included **Dr. Sudip Nag**, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering (E&ECE), IIT KGP and **Dr. K.M Mandana, MCh**, Consultant, Fortis Hospital Anandapur.

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Japan Hour

“Japan Hour” was scheduled in the afternoon as a parallel session on 9th March 2018.

A Japanese Delegation, comprising of five Japanese companies, participated in the “Japan Hour”.

The delegation was led by Mr. Kazuya Nakajo, Chief Director General, JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization), (under Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry, Government of Japan).

It was a high profiled Delegation with the representatives from Health Care Sector including • Hiroshima University Hospital; • Hitachi India Pvt. Ltd; • Asahi Intecc Co. Ltd; • Omron Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. and • Air Water India Private Limited.

The objective of the programme was to create a platform to facilitate dedicated B2B Meetings with the delegate members

of Japan and to strengthen the business collaboration between Japan and India.

The session was opened by Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, CEO, Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd. by delivering the formal Welcome Address. Mr. Yasuhiko Tanaka, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata also graced the occasion.

Mr. Kazuya Nakajo, Chief Director General, JETRO shared his insights on population of Japan in respect of aging, health care system in Japan, the economics of Health Care in Japan and business opportunities in Japan in the realm of Health Care sector.

The meeting included a very vibrant B2B session during which the local business participants interacted with the Japanese companies.



Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, CEO, Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd. delivering his Opening Remarks.



L-R- Mr. Kazuya Nakajo, Chief Director General, JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) (under Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry, Government of Japan); Mr. Yasuhiko Tanaka, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata; Mr. Tomohiko Kisaka, Clinical Lecturer, Hiroshima University; Mr. Masayoshi Tamura, General Manager- Digital Solutions & Services Group, Hitachi India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Yasuaki Yamane, General Manager, Asahi Intecc Co., Ltd.; Mr. Kazunori Tokura, Managing Director, Omron Healthcare India Private Limited; Mr. Kazuya Higuchi, General Manager, Air Water India Private Limited



Mr. Kazuya Nakajo, Chief Director General , JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization), (under Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry, Government of Japan) gracing the occasion



Mr. Yasuhiko Tanaka, Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata addressing the audience



Distinguished audience



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B2B Interaction in progress.



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10th March 2018

The Opening Session included **Dr. G. D. Puri**, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh delivering the **Address Extraordinaire on 'AI in Medicine'**; **Mrs. Sulabha Ranade**, Director General, Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India (SAMEER) delivering the **Special Address on Linear Accelerator for Cancer Treatment** and **Mr. Viresh Oberoi**, President, TiE Kolkata delivered the **Special Remarks on Digital Health providing opportunities to Medical Entrepreneurs and Tech start ups**.

Mohammed Saiful Islam, First Secretary (Commercial), Bangladesh Dy. High Commission was a special invitee in this session who shared his insights on **Social Entrepreneurship – a collaborative approach for healthcare to address social issues through technology**.

This was followed by presentations on excellence of innovation. The objective of the session was to highlight innovation as an intrinsic part of entrepreneurship. The perspective of finance was also integrated in this session. The presentations and speeches included **Creating Solutions Using Technology for Operational Efficiency: A Medica Experience** by **Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj**, Group VP Ops Medica Hospital; **Latest Innovations from Philips Healthcare in Imaging Systems** by **Mr. Sanjoy Chakraborty**---Regional Business Manager, East & Bangladesh; **Medical Virtualism** by **Dr. Shyama Nagarajan**, Managing Director, Saha Manthran Pvt. Ltd. and **Perspectives of Financer** by **Mr. Ashwin Srivastava**, Co. Founder and Director, Idein Ventures.

"HealthHack" was an Innovation Competition on healthcare which was held as a precursor to Health Tech. we received 30 applications which was shortlisted by our Official Tabulators **SahaManthran Pvt Ltd**.

The Jury consisted of **Mr. Sanjoy Sen**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Limited; **Mr. Debasis Basu**, Co- Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Vice President – Projects, Cognizant Technology Solutions India Limited; **Dr. Shyama Nagarajan**, Managing Director, SahaManthran Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Ashwin Srivastava**, Co. Founder and Director, Idein Ventures and **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**, Vice Chairman-BMMSH, Director Institute of Neurosciences.

Mr. Syed K Murshed, Member of IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and General Manager

– IT, Medica Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. was a key resource person for Health Hack who also facilitated the Jury proceedings.

There were **8 finalists** after the short listing. These finalists were invited to make presentations in front of the audience and judges.

The following innovations were presented

1. Fall – Safe Device For Elderly People
2. Connected Devices For Examination Of Blood And Urine And Machine Learning & AI Based Cognitive Remote Health Monitoring Platform
3. Electro-Oculo Arm
4. DeadDia
5. Smart Water Management
6. Portable Olfactory Diabetes Detection Device
7. 3D Printing For Development (3D4D)
8. Emergency Health Monitoring System

The winners were as follows:

In first place, the winning team of Health Hack was **"Portable Olfactory Diabetes Detection Device"**; in second place was **"Connected devices for examination of blood and urine and machine learning & AI based cognitive remote health monitoring platform"**; in third place was **"3D Printing for Development (3D4D)"** and the Best Student Entry award was given to **"Fall – Safe Device For Elderly People"**.

11th March 2018

The theme of the day was **Medical Conference on New Age Technologies for High End Delivery**. The Theme Address was delivered by **Dr. Kunal Sarkar**, Sr. Vice Chairman, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital at the Opening Session. The **Special Remarks** was delivered by **Prof. Bhabatosh Biswas**, Former Vice Chancellor, The West Bengal University of Health Sciences.

The Opening Session was followed by the **Plenary Session** themed **Business and Economics of Healthcare**. The topics addressed in this session included **Technology, Innovation and Equity of Cancer Care in India** by **Dr. Vaskar Saha**, Professor of Paediatric, Haematology/Oncology and Director of Research, Tata Medical Center; **Technological Innovation and Healthcare Cost** by **Prof. Barun Kanjilal**, Health Economist and Former Professor, Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) University; **Presentation on Lean six sigma for efficient hospital management** by **Ms. Kamakshi Kumar**, The Analysis Company.

This was followed by the final session of the day where topics addressed included **Bulls Eye! Techniques to Ensure the accurate delivery of Radiation Therapy in Clinical practice** by **Dr. Indranil Mallick**, Consultant Radiation Oncologist, Tata

Medical Centre, Kolkata; **Technologies for Circumcision – A Possible Area of Business Collaboration with Special Focus on India and Bangladesh** by **Dr. Munal Mahbub**, Vice President Chittagong Women Chamber, Chief Hospital Head (Surgiscope Hospital Ltd.),Member (Sub Committee) Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman at Organic Valley Lake Resort. **Prof (Dr.) Rabin Chakraborty**, Sr. Vice Chairman, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital delivered the **Concluding Remarks**.



(Left to Right):Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited greeting His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia during the first day of HealthTech



Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals delivering the Opening Address on 8th March at the HealthTech summit.



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited delivering the Welcome Address on 8th March at the HealthTech summit



Mr. Moloy Banerjee, Head, South Asia, Linde Gases Division delivering the Special Address on 8th March at the HealthTech summit



(Left to Right): Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia during the Signing of MoU between the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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His Excellency Archil Dzuliashvili, Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of India, the Kingdom of Thailand, the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Government of Georgia addressing the audience during the opening session of 8th March at the HealthTech summit



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the audience during the opening session of 9th March at the HealthTech summit



Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner and Technology Consulting Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. delivering the Opening Remarks on 9th March at the HealthTech summit



Dr. Michael Feiner, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Kolkata addressing the audience during the Opening Session on 9th March at the HealthTech summit



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Mr. Girish Kulkarni, Chairperson - CHIME India Chapter, Board Member - HIMSS India APAC Chapter and Jt. Secretary - CIOKlub Governing Body delivering the Theme address during the Opening Session on 9th March at the HealthTech summit



Dr. Michael Feiner, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Kolkata interacting with representatives from Linde in the stall exhibition section of the HealthTech summit

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Mr. Abhijit Majumdar, Leader IT Strategy, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. addressing the audience on IoT in Healthcare during the Opening Session on 9th March at the HealthTech summit



(Left to Right): Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Limited moderating interacting with Mr. Girish Koppa, Sr. Manager - IT, Lilavati Hospital and Mr. Syed K Murshed, General Manager – IT, Medica Hospitals Pvt Ltd during the CIO's Forum: When Technology converges with Health care to deliver advanced services



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Dr. Arpan Pal, Principal Scientist & Head, Embedded Systems & Robotics, TCS Research & Innovation, TATA Consultancy Services addressing the audience during the panel discussion on Destination West Bengal for Health Tech: Case Studies, Experiences and Best Practices –Wearables, IoT, AI



(Left to Right): Dr. Sudip Nag, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Electrical Communication Engineering (E&ECE),IIT KGP; Mr. Subho Samanta, Founder, Diracsol Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Dr. K.M Mandana, MCh, Consultant, Fortis Hospital Anandapur and Dr. Arpan Pal, Principal Scientist & Head, Embedded Systems & Robotics, TCS Research & Innovation, TATA Consultancy Services



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(Left to Right): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited delivering the Opening Address on 10th March at the HealthTech summit while the other panelists look on as he speaks; Mrs. Sulabha Ranade, Director General, Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India (SAMEER); Dr. Alok Roy, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals; Dr. G. D. Puri, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh; Mohammed Saiful Islam, First Secretary (Commercial), Bangladesh Dy. High Commission and Mr. Viresh Oberoi, President, TIE Kolkata

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Mohammed Saiful Islam, First Secretary (Commercial), Bangladesh Dy. High Commission addressing the audience on Social Entrepreneurship – a collaborative approach for healthcare to address social issues through technology on 10th March at the HealthTech summit.



(Left to Right): Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry chairing the session on 'Excellence in Innovations' while the other panellists look on as he speaks; Mr. Sanjoy Chakraborty---Regional Business Manager, East & Bangladesh; Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, Group VP Ops Medica Hospital; Dr Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, SahaManthran Pvt Ltd and Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co Founder and Director, Idein Ventures



(Left to Right): The Jury of the Health Hack judging and interacting with finalists, Mr. Debasis Basu, Co- Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Vice President – Projects, Cognizant Technology Solutions India Limited; Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Limited; Mr. Syed K Murshed, General Manager – IT, Medica Hospitals Pvt Ltd; Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Vice Chairman-BMMSH, Director Institute of Neurosciences; Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co Founder and Director, Idein Ventures; and Dr. Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, SahaManthran Pvt. Ltd.



Finalist of Health Hack making presentations in front of audience and Jury Members



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Second Runners-up team for Health Hack with Dr. Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, Saha Manthran Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. G. D. Puri, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh



First runner-up team for Health Hack with Dr. Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, Saha Manthran Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. G. D. Puri, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh



Winning team for Health Hack with Dr. Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, Saha Manthran Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. G. D. Puri, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh



Best Student Entry team for Health Hack with Dr. Shyama Nagarajan, Managing Director, Saha Manthran Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. G. D. Puri, Professor and Head of the Department, Anaesthesia and Intensive care, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER), Chandigarh



Dr. L. N. Tripathy, Sr. Vice Chairman, Director & Sr. Consultant Neuro & Spine Surgeon, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital addressing the audience during the Opening Session on 11th March at HealthTech

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Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Sr. Vice Chairman, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital delivering the Theme Address during the Opening Session on 11th March at HealthTech



Prof. Bhabatosh Biswas, Former Vice Chancellor, The West Bengal University of Health Sciences delivering the Special Remarks during the Opening Session on 11th March at HealthTech



Dr. L. N. Tripathy, Sr. Vice Chairman, Director & Sr. Consultant Neuro & Spine Surgeon, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital during the Opening Session on 11th March at HealthTech



Dr. Indranil Mallick, Consultant Radiation Oncologist, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata addressing the audience during the Plenary Session on 11th March at HealthTech



Dr. Munal Mahabub, Vice President Chittagong Women Chamber, Chief Hospital Head (Surgiscope Hospital Ltd.), Member (Sub Committee) Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman at Organic Valley Lake Resort addressing the audience during the Plenary Session on 11th March at HealthTech



Prof. (Dr.) Rabin Chakraborty, Sr. Vice Chairman & Sr Consultant – Cardiology, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital delivering the Concluding Remarks on 11th March at HealthTech



(Left to Right): Dr. Vaskar Saha Professor of Paediatric, Haematology/Oncology and Director of Research, Tata Medical Center; Col (Dr.) Amitabha Dasgupta, MEDICA Superspecialty Hospital; Ms. Kamakshi Kumar, The Analysis Company and Prof. Barun Kanjilal, Health Economist and Former Professor, Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) University during the Plenary Session: Business and Economics of Healthcare on 11th March at HealthTech

“AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPRS)”

**9th March 2018,
MSME-DI Campus Kolkata**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce in association with MSMSE-DI organized an awareness programme for MSMEs titled “Awareness Programme on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)” on 9th March 2018 at MSME-DI Campus Kolkata. The objective of this awareness programme was to sensitize MSMEs of West Bengal regarding the new laws for subsidy on IPR and how they could apply for the patent, copyright, trademark and GI. Representative of Government Institution also spoke how MSMEs could be able to get certificate after sample test of their products. Through the interactive session of this programme, MSME-DI provided necessary information about IPRs and how IPRs can play an important role for the MSME fraternity.



Section of Delegates

The programme witnessed the deliberations of eminent speakers like Shri. Manojit Guha, Deputy Director MSME-DI Kolkata; Dr. Chinmay Biswas, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIJAF, Barrackpore; Dr. Mohua Home Choudhury, Scientist, West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology; Mr. Sonal Mishra, IP Consultant, L. S. Davar & Company; Mr. Jayant Anand, Assistant Controller of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Kolkata; Dr. S. K. Mitra, Ex—Deputy Controller of Patents & Designs, IPR Consultant & Visiting Faculty RGNIIIPM, Nagpur, GOI; Mr. Ajay Bandopadhyay, Director, MSME-DI, Kolkata; and Chief Guest Dr. T. K. Saha, ISS, Additional Director General, National Sample Survey Office, Kolkata.



Representative of MSME-DI presenting a memento to Mr. Ramit Sircar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber

20th March 2018,
Chamber Premises

SEMINAR ON NEW WAY BILL UNDER GST

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Half-Day Seminar on New Way Bill under GST on 20th March 2018 in the Chamber premises. Welcome address was given by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP. Mr. Vivek Jalan, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP deliberated on Recent Developments on GST. Mr. Arunangshu Mukherjee, Deputy Commissioner, and Mr. Debmalya Banerjee, Deputy Commissioner, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal deliberated on differences of the New Way Bills from 1st April 2018 vis-a-vis the Way Bills which went live on 1st February 2018 and relaxations given in the New Way Bills to be live from 1st April 2018. They also demonstrated the workings of the Way Bill portal. It was followed by an interactive session with the participants. The Seminar was attended by more than 75 delegates.



Welcome address by Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Address by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Dignitaries on the dais (L-R): Mr. Vivek Jalan, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Mr. Debmalya Banerjee, Deputy Commissioner, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Mr. Arunangshu Mukherjee, Deputy Commissioner, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal



Address by Mr. Arunangshu Mukherjee, Deputy Commissioner, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal



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Q/A Session in progress



Q/A Session in progress



Audience at the Seminar

**22nd March 2018,
Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Mumbai**

“HOW BLOCKCHAIN CAN MAKE THE DIGITAL MARKETPLACE SAFER”

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and V Citizens Action Network (VCAN) organized a programme on “How Blockchain can make the Digital Marketplace Safer” on 22nd March 2018 at Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Mumbai.

The Panelists were:

Mr. S V R Srinivas, IAS, Principal Secretary, Info. Tech., Govt. of Maharashtra

Mr. Brijesh Singh, IPS, Spl. IGP Maharashtra Cyber & Secy & DG IPR Govt. of Maharashtra

Mr. Vikash Mittersain, Founder, India Business Group (IBG)

Mr. Prashant Mali, Advocate, India's International Cyber Lawyer

Mr. Ratan Kesh, Sr President & Country Head, Branch Service Delivery, Contact Centre & Service Excellence, YES Bank

Mr. Subrata Bagchi, Sr MD, Protiviti India Member Pvt. Ltd.

The Chamber believes that our mandate, as a responsible Chamber, is to address the interest of wider stakeholders going beyond business, especially in the areas of consumer connect.

As an outreach program, partnering with VCAN, it was the Chamber’s step towards connecting with that spectrum also expanding our geographical footprint.

The programme was also live streamed and participants joined the programme online as well. **Mr. Arnab Basu**, Chairperson IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber; delivered the Theme Address from the Chamber premises in Kolkata and appeared online at the venue in Mumbai. **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber was present in Mumbai delivering the Welcome Address. The programme was moderated by **Ms. IndraniMalkani**, Managing Trustee, V Citizens Action Network (VCAN).



L-R: Mr. Vikash Mittersain, Founder, India Business Group (IBG); Mr. Ratan Kesh, Sr President & Country Head, Branch Service Delivery, Contact Centre & Service Excellence, YES Bank; Mr. S. V. R. Srinivas, IAS, Principal Secretary, Info. Tech., Govt. of Maharashtra; Mr. V. Ranganathan, IAS (Rtd), Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra; Ms. Indrani Malkani, Managing Trustee, V Citizens Action Network (VCAN); Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Brijesh Singh, IPS, Spl. IGP Maharashtra Cyber & Secy & DG IPR Govt. of Maharashtra; Mr. Subrata Bagchi, Sr. MD, Protiviti India Member Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Prashant Mali, Advocate, India's International Cyber Lawyer



Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry joining online



Mr. Arnab Basu, Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry joining online (R) The Panel at the venue (L)

PROGRAMME

“HOW BLOCKCHAIN CAN MAKE THE DIGITAL MARKETPLACE SAFER”

22nd March 2018,
Royal Bombay Yacht Club, Mumbai



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber

AWARENESS SESSION ON PROSTATE CANCER

24th March 2018,
The Bengal Club, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with the Prostate Cancer Foundation organised a Session on Prostate Cancer on Saturday, 24th March 2017 at the Bengal Club from 6.30 pm onwards.

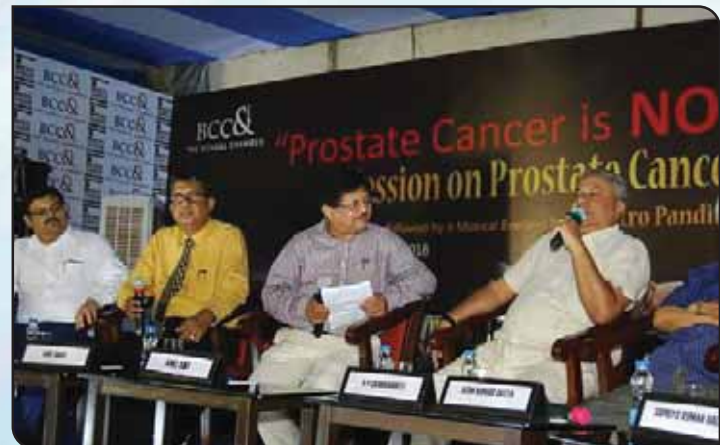
The session commenced with a welcome speech addressed by Dr. Amit Ghose, Chairman Emeritus of Health Committee, BCC&I, Director, Prostate Cancer Foundation and Senior Consultant, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Kolkata. The panelists of the session were Mr. R. P. Chakraborty, Dr. Abhishek Basu, Prof. Dr. Asim Kumar Dutta, Dr. Gautam Bhattacharya and Dr. Supriyo Kumar Halder. The programme was moderated by Shri Amit Roy.

The evening witnessed a free flowing session on various aspects of Prostate Cancer and how Prostate Cancer has now become curable.

The evening concluded with a musical performance by Maestro Pandit Bickram Ghosh and his team. The session was well attended and was greatly successful.



Dr. Amit Ghose, Chairman Emeritus of Health Committee, BCC&I, Director, Prostate Cancer Foundation and Senior Consultant, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Kolkata addressing the audience



Mr. R. P. Chakraborty along with other speakers during the Panel Discussion

Section of the audience enjoying the performance by Maestro Pandit Bickram Ghosh and his team

24th March 2018,
The Bengal Club, Kolkata

AWARENESS SESSION ON PROSTATE CANCER



Performance by Maestro Pandit Bickram Ghosh and his team

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- Interactive Session and felicitation of Mr Sanjay Manjrekar and Ms Jhulan Goswami, 16th April 2018, The Bengal Lounge
- The People Management Conclave - Metamorphosis of People Management in a Disruptive Era, 21st April 2018, Hotel Novotel, Rajarhat, Kolkata
- Business Delegation to Bangladesh, 22nd April 2018- 26th April 2018
- Half Day Seminar on GST Audit & GST Sanitization Programme on 27th April, 2018 in the Chamber premises.
- Calcutta Talks- 3rd Edition, 2nd May 2018, Chamber Premises
- Millennial Learning - Educational Strategies For The Next Generation, 5th May 2018, Hyatt Regency Kolkata
- 9th Edition of Business-IT Conclave: "Fintech - Riding on Blockchain", 10th May 2018, Hyatt Regency Kolkata
- Health Conclave on Royal Ageing, 11th - 12th May 2018, The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata
- Workshop cum Focused Group Discussion on Broadband Labels in Kolkata (with CUTS International), 16th May 2018, Chamber Premises
- Programme on Promotion, Preservation and Awareness of Heritage, 17th May 2018, The Bengal Lounge
- Infrastructure Development & Investment Prospect In West Bengal, 25th May 2018, Chamber Premises
- Tourism Quiz, 8th June 2018, Chamber Premises
- Certificate Course on International Business, 22nd June, 23rd June, 29th June, 30th June, 6th July, 7th July, 13th July, 14th July, 20th July, 21st July, 27th July, 28th July, 3rd August, 4th August, 10th August, 11th August, 17th August, 18th August, 24th August, 25th August 2018, Chamber premises
- Marketing Conclave on Influencer Marketing, 14th July 2018, Lalit Great Eastern





AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATORS (AEO)- A TOOL TO REDUCE YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN COST AND A GREAT EFFORT FOR EASE OF DOING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

By TIMIR BARAN CHATTERJEE AND ANINDITA CHATTERJEE

BOROLINE

Fight Prickly Heat
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Suthol

Use after bath,
everyday



**By Timir Baran Chatterjee, B.Com., M.Com, FCS, ACMA, MBA(IIFT), MIIA(USA)
Chairman- Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

Background

AEO is a programme under the aegis of the World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards to secure and facilitate Global Trade. The programme aims to enhance international supply chain security and facilitate movement of legitimate goods. AEO encompasses various players in the International supply chain. Under this programme, an entity engaged in international trade is approved

by Customs as compliant with supply chain security standards and granted AEO status & certain benefits.

AEO is a voluntary programme. It enables Indian Customs to enhance and streamline cargo security through close cooperation with the principle stakeholders of the international supply chain viz. importers, exporters, logistics providers, custodians or terminal operators, custom brokers and warehouse operators.

Over the years, AEO has become a flagship programme for WCO Members as it offers an opportunity for Customs to share its responsibilities with the businesses, while at the same time rewarding them with a number of additional benefits.

In the light of these international developments, as well as in view of the focus of the Government of India on “Ease of Doing Business”, Central Board of Excise & Customs has developed a comprehensive unified trade facilitation programme by incorporating the existing ACP scheme and ongoing AEO programme into a revised AEO programme providing additional facilities to the legitimate trade who have demonstrated strong internal control system and willingness to comply with the laws administered by the Central Board of Excise and Customs. The objective of the revised AEO Programme is to provide businesses with an internationally recognized quality mark which will indicate their secure role in the international supply chain and that their Customs procedures are efficient and compliant. An entity with an AEO status can, therefore, be considered a 'secure' trader and a reliable trading partner. There are multiple tiers of certification in the new AEO Programme.

For importers and exporters there are three tiers providing varying levels of benefits:

- **AEO T1 – VERIFIED ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENT SUBMISSION ONLY**
- **AEO T2 – IN ADDITION TO DOCUMENT VERIFICATION, ONSITE VERIFICATION IS DONE**
- **AEO T3 FOR AEO T2 HOLDERS WHO HAVE ENJOYED THE STATUS FOR 2 YEARS ONLY ON THE BASIS OF DOCUMENT VERIFICATION AND FOR AEO T2 HOLDERS WHO HAS NOT ENJOYED THE STATUS CONTINUOUSLY OR HAS INTRODUCED MAJOR CHANGES IN BUSSINESS THE APPLICANT IS SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL VERIFICATION**

BENEFITS

Through this initiative, Indian Customs asks businesses to ensure the integrity of their security practices, and communicate and verify the security guidelines of their business partners within the supply chain. In exchange, Indian Customs affords its AEO members with certain benefits, including:

1. Inclusion of Direct Port Delivery of imports to ensure just-in-time inventory management by manufacturers – clearance from wharf to warehouse for AEO T1, T2 and T3.
2. Inclusion of Direct Port Entry for factory stuffed containers meant for export by AEOs for AEO T1, T2 AND T3.
3. **Provision of Deferred Payment of duties – delinking duty payment and Customs clearance for AEO T2 and AEO T3**
4. Benefits of Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administrations for AEO T2 and AEO T3.
5. Faster disbursement of drawback amount
6. Fast tracking of refunds and adjudications
7. Extension of facilitation to exports in addition to imports depending on the tier of certification.
8. Self-certified copies of FTA / PTA origin related or any other certificates required for clearance would be accepted
9. Request based on-site inspection /examination
10. Paperless declarations with no supporting documents
11. Recognition by Partner Government Agencies and other Stakeholders as part of this programme NEXT STEP In accordance with the World

FAQ on deferred duty payment

Q1. What is deferred duty payment?

Ans: It is a mechanism for delinking duty payment and Customs clearance. It is based on the principle 'Clear first-Pay later'. The aim is to have a seamless wharf to warehouse transit in order to facilitate just-in-time manufacturing. As a part of the ease of doing business focus of the Government of India, the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has rolled out the AEO (AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATOR) programme. It is a trade facilitation move wherein benefits are extended to the entities who have demonstrated strong internal control

systems and willingness to comply with the laws administered by the CBEC. Under the aegis of the flagship AEO scheme, the GoI has notified the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) vide notification no 134/2016-Customs (NT) and 135/2016- Customs (NT) both dated 02 Nov 2016. This scheme is in force w.e.f. 16 Nov 2016.

Q2. Who is eligible for availing of this scheme?

Ans: This benefit is currently being extended to importers holding AEO T-2 or T-3 status.

Q3. If I am an eligible importer and have obtained my AEO registration certificate from the AEO Program Manager, how can I avail the facility of deferred payment of duty?

Ans: An intimation to the AEO programme manager with a copy to Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the port of clearance, shall be considered as an intimation by an eligible importer of his intention to avail the said benefit. As per rule 4 of the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, an eligible importer who intends to avail the benefit of deferred payment shall intimate to the Principal Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the port of clearance, his intention to avail the said benefit. Intimation addressed to the AEO Programme Manager with a copy to the Principal Commissioner(s) of Customs or the Commissioner(s) of Customs, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the port(s) of clearance shall be considered as intimation by an eligible importer of his intention to avail the said benefit. (Para 3 of CBEC Circular 052/2016-Cus dt. 15/11/2016)

Q4. Where do I get registered?

Ans: Every importer certified as AEO-T2/AEO-T3 shall obtain

ICEGATE Login which is essential to avail benefits envisaged in the Duty Deferment Scheme. A nodal person needs to be appointed by the AEO for authenticating all the customs related transactions on behalf of the AEO. The contact details of AEO nodal person shall also be provided during registration for ICEGATE login to ensure that the information reaches in time at their registered mail and mobile for authentication. Any change in these details should be updated immediately. Caution needs to be exercised in the course of this process to ensure that the benefit does not get misused.

Q5. What is the pre-condition?

Declare D in the Bill of entry (B/E). Further, there should be no default in 90 days/no arrear. In case of default, this facility shall not be restored unless the eligible importer has paid the duty in full along with the interest.

Q6. What are the due dates for payment of duty?

Ans: As per rule 5 of said rules. B/E from 1-15th day of any month, 17th of the month; B/E from 16th-last day of month except March, 2nd day of the following month; B/E from 16-29 March, 31 March; B/E from 30-31 March, 02 April; [Circular No. 52/2016-Cus dt 15th November, 2016] Q9.

Q7. What happens if I do not pay duty on or before the due date?

Dual consequence shall arise if the duty is not paid within the time limits specified. Firstly, interest will become due on the duty; Secondly, this shall also be counted as a default in terms of the Rules. If a subsequent default in payment occurs, the AEO shall automatically be reverted to transaction-wise payment and will need to pay the duty in the bank before taking clearance of his goods. That is, the importer shall not be allowed to clear the next consignment without payment of duty.



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NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



JIS Group is happy to announce that two of its flagship institutes under the aegis of JIS Group Educational Initiatives received the prestigious NIRF Ranking 2018 for the 2nd consecutive year. Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology (GNIPST) ranked among top 80 Pharmacy colleges in India while Narula Institute of Technology (NIT) ranked among top 150 Engineering colleges in India.

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology has attained the globally trusted strict quality standards of the QS brand and received the most prestigious Gold Rating of QS I-GAUGE, modeled after the QS Stars international rating and strictly monitored and supervised by the QS Intelligence Unit in London. GNIT received the award from the Former President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee at the launch QS I-GAUGE, a nationwide higher education rating system by UK based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) at New Delhi on 21st March 2018. The QS I-GAUGE rating proves the seriousness towards consistent performance, quality and transparency.

The occasion was graced by Dr. Virander S. Chauhan, Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC); Mr Ben Sowter, Director, QS Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd, UK; Mr Ashwin Fernandes, CEO, QS-ERA India Pvt. Ltd.; and Mr. S. V. Ranganath, IAS (Retd), Chairman, QS I-GAUGE International Advisory Board.

QS launched the progressive project and the rating system has been designed considering international parameters. QS I-GAUGE is the first rating tool for colleges in India. The methodology of the QS I-GAUGE has been carefully planned, deliberated and contextualized to India and the aspirations of the institutions. The system comprises seven primary indicators and five secondary indicators, ranging from Teaching and Learning, Employability, Social Responsibility to Research and Innovation. The QS I-GAUGE rating provides a unique 360-degree perspective of Indian Institutions for higher learning. In addition to localising the methodology, the hallmark of QS I-GAUGE methodology is that it is evidence-driven, transparent and holistic.



NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



The bystanders and the passersby from Agarpara to Khardah witnessed a brilliant show of integrity on March 28, 2018 when around fifteen hundred participants ran gleefully in the 5.5 km Mini Marathon organized by Narula Institute of Technology. The Marathon echoed the slogan 'Run with gaiety, Pledge for Parity'. This event aimed to spread the message of uniformity among the people. Besides the participants from the host institute, ten schools from Belghoria also joined the Marathon in order to express their solidarity to the underprivileged sections of the society. The program was inaugurated by Col. S. Bhaduri, Visesh Seva Medal. With the count of ten the race was flagged off by Ms. Jyotirmoyee Sikdar, Gold Medalist Asian Games. The runners were escorted by a furnished van where the cultural team of the college sang in chorus and imparted the message of uniformity. The entire route was well managed by the college volunteers and the traffic guards. The event was graced by Mr. Ayan Pal, notable author and motivational speaker, who acquired a place in the Limca Book of Records. The showstopper of the Marathon was Man Kaur, 102 year old lady from Chandigarh who is gold medalist at World Masters Games. He was accompanied by his Son Gurdev Singh, 80yrs who also participated in the run.

The top finishers in the Women's category was Mou Das, Sodpur club and in Men's category was Gopal Das, Kamarhati Club each of whom won INR 5000 .

The Marathon touched the lives of the local people when the special children from Birati Anandamoyee Mental school performed cultural program. The Principal of the institute Prof. (Dr). M. R. Kanjilal extended financial contribution on behalf of JIS group to the victims of acid attack survivors whereas Ms. Nidhi Singh, Registrar handed over financial assistance to the Secretary of Hope & Smile Orphanage. On behalf of the students financial assistance was extended to the President of Mental school.

The event ended with lots of hue n cry from the students when Ena Saha, TV and film actress cheered the gathering for taking up this noble mission. The marathon ended in lively spirit.



NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



Guru Nanak Institute of Technology proudly organize for the consecutive two years the Smart India Hackathon 2018 Software edition Grand Finale on March 30th & 31st 2018 being held simultaneously at 28 nodal centers across India. 1296 teams comprising 10300+ youngsters competed nonstop for 36 hours during the Grand Finale to come up with digital solutions to the problem statements posed by 27 union ministries and 17 state departments. GNIT hosts over 300 participants, comprising 47 teams and their Mentors, from various parts of India congregated for a glittering and challenging mega event.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble Managing Director, JIS Group, Shri Taranjit Singh, the Principal, Prof Santanu Kumar Sen, Prof Saikat Moitra, honorable Vice Chancellor, MAKAUT, honorable VC JISU, Prof B C Kal and other dignitaries from diverse ministries, Persistent Technologies and AICTE.

Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the AICTE during his visit to the campus interacted to all participants and conveyed rich accolade to GNIT for successful organization of Hackathon. Co-Chair, AICTE, Dr. Anand Deshpande, the Honourable Minister for HRD, Shri Prakash Javedkar joined all through video conference and formally announced the start of Hackathon 2018.

Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi addressed and interaction with the participants through video conference. The Prime Minister spoke about how the use of information technology was revolutionizing work practices in India and welcomed the younger generation of Indians to make more positive use of it in their professional environments in shaping the future of India.

At the end of this process, the results were announced by the the ministry nominated judges, the top 3 winning teams being the Intruders, from Chaitanya Engineering College, Truffle, from Delhi Technological University, and Karls, from Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology.

Apart from this team Exalt received special prize in Other than state category, Irrational Reals received Persistent Innovation Award, Bitplasma won KPIT Innovation Award, Teletubbies won Deloitte Innovation Awards and team Intruders received the JIS Group innovation Award.



Budget for Organizing 7th SJST - 2018

Sl. No.	Description	Particulars	Amount
1	Labour Charge for General Preparation and Boiler Charge for Park View's 5th (Common and AICTE)	1 Labour for 8 days (1000 @ 2500) and Boiler charge	20000
2	Advertisement and Decoration	Print, Chair table, Sound System (20000) (with AICTE)	20000
3	Materials for Chairman of JIS Group	10000	10000
4	Invitation Cards	10000	10000
5	For 1000 People	10000	10000
6	Meal of the month of Grand Finale (10000)	10000	10000
7	Meal of the month of Awarding (10000)	10000	10000
8	Meal of the month of Prizes (10000)	10000	10000
9	Meal of the month of (10000)	10000	10000
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14	Highend Kar Service	10000	10000
15	Highend Kar Service	10000	10000
16	Materials for banner and 10000000000	10000	10000
17	Food	27000 (Plates, Glass, etc.)	27000
18	Stationery	10000	10000
19	Printing	10000	10000
20	Books	10000	10000
21	Travel A/c	10000	10000
22	Printing Charges	10000	10000
23	Other	10000	10000
24	Total	200000	200000

Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe
 Chairman of AICTE
 Organizing Committee