from the desk of the **PRESIDENT**

Dear Member,

14 March, 2014

FY 2014-15 will commence with the Lok Sabha elections! The entire nation is looking forward to the elections not only because it is the most important event in a democracy, but also with the expectation that the results will have a significant and positive impact on the economic and business scenario in the country. The economic indicators are down with inconsistent industrial performance. Although inflation has cooled somewhat, key rates are expected to be held at their present levels to ensure decline in inflation continues before growth can be encouraged. The upward trend in the bourses is actually triggered by FIIs, which might not be a long-term phenomenon.

On the home front in Bengal, while we should compliment the State Government for the work on infrastructure development, we are still looking for a big-ticket investment on the industrial front, which can catapult the State economy forward. We only hope that the next Financial Year will witness a great leap forward for both our State and the Nation.

Kallol Datta President

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UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

Medico Legal Workshop on 14th March 2014, The Palladian Lounge

Nat Health Presentation on 14th March, 2014, Tata Steel Room, Chamber premises

Application of Information Technology in Manufacturing, 21st March 2014, The Palladian Lounge

Interaction with Business Delegation from Thailand focusing on Logistics, 24th March 2014, Chamber premises

Indian Rubber Summit 2014, 27th March 2014, Chamber premises

Panel Discussion: India as a Market 2020, 29th March 2014, Chamber premises

A Symposium on Corporate Social Responsibility with USAID and US Consulate General in Kolkata, 3rd April 2014, The Palladian Lounge

Seminar on Service Tax on 10th April 2014, Chamber premises

Seminar on "Shifting Paradigm for Employee Relations - A Clarion Call for Competitive, Fair and Inclusive Workplace" in association with EFI, 25th April 2014, Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber Annual Sit n Draw for Children (Theme: Environment for a Better Kolkata), 26th April 2014, Chamber premises

6th Sunfeast Health & Lifestyle Quiz on 30th April 2014, Chamber premises

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28TH FEBRUARY 2014, CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER **IT QUIZ 2014**

March, 2014

The IT Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the annual Bengal Chamber IT Quiz on 28th February in the Chamber.

While the theme for the Quiz was 'IT', the questions covered a wide spectrum of interest areas — with each question with an IT angle but not necessarily technically oriented to IT technical issues/processes. This quiz had a unique positioning of its own

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Quiz Master

--- a little away from the more familiar general and business quizzes, which made it all the more interesting and enjoyable.

The Quiz was a very exciting affair, complete with brainstormers and fabulous prizes! The winners were presented with Acer Chromebooks; the first runners up were presented with Seagate 2 TB External Hard Discs and the second runners up were presented with Swarovski crystalline memory sticks.

Over forty teams of corporates, hard core quizzers and students participated in this annual Quiz, which has become a mustattend session for techies. Mr. Charanpreet Singh was the Quiz

The winners were Raktim Kumar Nag, a student of Jadavpur University and Partha Sarathi Ghatak, a medico. The 1st runners up were Abhishek Kar and Debasish Mukherjee from mjunction. The 2nd runners up were Sampad Mishra, SAIL and Wasim Sajjad, NIT, Rourkela.



Preliminary round being conducted





THE BENGAL CHAMBER IT QUIZ 2014



The prizes - Acer Chromebooks & Seagate 2 TB **External Hard Discs**



▲ The prizes (Swarovski crystalline memory sticks) and the trophies



▲ The final round



presenting trophies to the 2nd runners up - Sampad Mishra, SAIL and Wasim Sajjad, NIT, Rourkela



▲ Mr. R N Lahiri, Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I (L) ▲ Mr. R N Lahiri (L) presenting trophies to the 1st runners up - Abhishek Kar and Debasish Mukherjee from mjunction



▲ Mr. R N Lahiri (R) presenting trophies to the winners - Raktim Kumar Nag, a student of Jadavpur University and Partha Sarathi Ghatak, a medico. Mr Charanpreet Singh is in the middle



The finalists with Mr. R N Lahiri and Mr. Charanpreet Singh



▲ After Quiz Party @ The Palladian Lounge



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THE BENGAL CHAMBER, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TELEGRAPH, PRESENTED THE NEXT EDITION OF THE THINK SESSION

SPEAKER: SHRI SHEKHAR DUTT. HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF CHHATTISGARH. SPOKE ON "HERITAGE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN EASTERN INDIA"

Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh, Shri Shekhar Dutt, addressed The Bengal Chamber members and invitees at the Think lecture in association with The Telegraph, on 3rd March 2014.

Speaking on "Heritage and Economic opportunities in Eastern India", Shri Dutt reiterated that Chhattisgarh shifted from central to eastern India after it was carved out of Madhya Pradesh in 2000, reaffirming its proximity to Calcutta.

"Chhattisgarh is eastern India rather than central," Dutt said while delivering the Think lecture presented by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) in association with The Telegraph. A former Defence Secretary and Deputy National Security Adviser, Dutt exhorted Calcutta to lead eastern India to excellence.

The Governor, who was a commissioned officer of the army as well as an IAS officer, analyzed eastern India's heritage and economic opportunities in his speech. According to him, it was an "immense outcome of history and geography that had made Calcutta the erstwhile capital city of India". According to him, "21st century is the century when Calcutta can regain its glory". He listed two factors that went in Calcutta's favour. "It is the

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people, outgoing and thinking ahead of their times, that made the British realize that the capital has to be Calcutta," said Dutt. The city's proximity to the sea and the Southeast Asian countries was another decisive factor.

"All around us are people and places who could gainfully be a participant in the development of themselves and thereby allowing Calcutta to assume leadership," said Dutt.

The city could regain its position as the country's leader in sea commerce with Myanmar, Thailand and east Asian countries. Dutt said eastern India's economy could land in a win-win situation if robust trade ties could be established with Southeast Asia. He said the focus should be to work towards achieving these goals in a decade or two by pursuing a definite gameplan. "We should involve stakeholders constantly in dialogue with each other," he advised. His caveat: "If you don't do it, somebody else will."

He said India and Malaysia got freedom from foreign rule around the same time and had a similar per capita GDP of \$120 at the time of independence. 'Today, Malaysia's per capita GDP is \$16,000 or more while we are struggling below \$1,000. But if we consider gene pool and literacy as parameters, India and Malaysia are on a par."

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He then turned to Calcutta to make the difference. Shri Dutt signed off saying - "We should create a resilient group of institutions that can constantly upgrade their abilities to cater to global needs."



Mr. Taranjit Singh, Chief Patron of The Bengal Chamber, presenting a Memento to the Hon'ble Governor on behalf of The Bengal Chamber

Mr. Sidhartha Roy, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee of The Bengal Chamber, welcoming Shri Shekhar Dutt to the Talk





Hon'ble Governor addresses the audience

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Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, delivering welcome address

The inaugural session commenced with the Welcome Address by the Director General, Mr. P. Roy and thereafter Justice Chittatosh Mukherjee in his keynote address explained the law and also the legal position

Prof. Dr. Jaba

delegates

Guha(R) and Prof. Saswati Ghosh(L)

interacting with the

and responsibility of employers. Justice Mukherjee shared his overall impression on the Act. Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson, HR / IR Committee delivered the vote of thanks.





▲ Justice Moloy Sengupta, Ms. Debashree
Chatterjee, Assistant Commissioner, Kolkata
Police and Mr. Manabendra Mandal seen
replying to delegates' questions

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In the first technical session Prof. Jaba Guha and Prof. Saswati Ghosh explained the background

of the Act. They spoke about generally perceived ideas, general impact and financial impact on the industry. The presentations were followed by an interactive session. Thereafter

Mr. Manabendra Mondal Executive Director, Socio Legal Aid Research and Training Centre explained the law in details such as defining sexual harassment, prevention, constitution of internal complaints committee, constitution of local complaints committee, complaint of sexual harassment, conciliation, inquiry into complaint including action during pendency of inquiry, inquiry report, punishment for false or malicious complaint and

WORKSHOP ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON WOMEN AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) ACT 2013

false evidence, determination of compensation, prohibition of publication of contents of complaint and inquiry proceedings and penalty thereof, duties of employer, duties of district officer, employer to include information in annual report, power of the Government to call for information and inspection of records, penalty for non



▲ Section of delegates

compliance with provision of Act and cognizance of offence by courts.

In the post lunch session, Prof Ushri Banerjee, Associate Professor, Dept. of Applied Psychology, Calcutta University explained in details the need for

counseling of the victim in cases of sexual harassment to overcome the trauma and

Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Chairperson HR/IR Committee delivering his vote of thanks



In the last session, Justice Moloy Sengupta, Former Chief Justice Sikkim High Court, Mr. Manabendra Mondal, Advocate, Executive Director, Socio Legal Aid Research & Training Centre and Ms. Debashree Chatterjee, Assistant Commissioner, Kolkata Police participated in



Mr. Manabendra Mondal delivering his speech

medical Help.



▲ Prof. Ushri Banerjee delivering her speech

the question and answer session on implementation of Act by the employer.

BCC&I SUMMIT ON INSPIRING CHANGE 2014 - A TRIBUTE TO INSPIRING WOMEN LEADERS IN THE BANKING SECTOR

The Bengal Chamber organized a Summit on Inspiring Change on 8th March, International Women's Day, 2014 in the Chamber premises as a tribute to the inspiring women leaders in the banking sector. This was a first-of-its kind programme in Kolkata dedicated to women bankers with all participants also being only women. The seminar witnessed participation of eminent women bankers like Ms. Mythili Krishnamurthy, Chief General Manager, Canara Bank; Ms. Kalpana Gupta, Deputy General Manager, Punjab National Bank; Ms. Preeti Gupta, Assistant General Manager, Bharatiya Mahila Bank;

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and Ms. Papiya Ghosh, Deputy Vice President, Axis Bank among others.

This Opening Session focused on "Women in Decision Making in the Banking Sector" and the following session focused on "How pro-active and pro-women policies in the banking sector have enabled the women professionals as an instrumental factor for women empowerment". Professor Malabika Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the Inaugural address.



Opening Session with Mr. P Roy, Director General BCC&I; Mr. Jagdish Singh, Chairman, BCC&I Finance and Banking Committee and Head-Treasury, ITC.; Chief Guest, Prof. Malabika Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University; Ms. Kalpana Gupta, Deputy General Manager, Punjab National Bank; Ms. Preeti Gupta, Assistant General Manager, Bharatiya Mahila Bank; Ms. Papiya Ghosh, Deputy Vice President, Axis Bank; and Ms. Tulika Dhar, Manager, Indian Overseas Bank



Session on "How pro-active and pro-women policies in the banking sector have enabled the women professionals as an instrumental factor for women empowerment"

"RATNAGARBHA": A TRIBUTE TO THE PROUD MOTHERS OF BENGAL

8TH MARCH 2014, TOWN HALL, KOLKATA



Shri Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the welcome address

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Sports Development Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, under the

Chairmanship of Mr. Subrata Dutta, paid

(L-R): Smt. Nandita Sengupta, mother of Smt. Rituparna Sengupta; Shri Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber; Shri Sourav Ganguly, former Indian Cricket Captain



Smt Madhumanti Moitra introducing the show

tribute to those ladies whose untiring toils have made their children illustrious achievers and leaders in their respective walks of life. The Chamber celebrated this unique day with a very special programme – "Ratnagarbha".

The Chamber paid tribute to Late Kalyani Mukherjee, mother of Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya; Smt. Nirupa Ganguly, mother of Shri Sourav Ganguly; Smt. Nandita Sengupta, mother of Smt. Rituparna Sengupta, Late Smt. Subrata Dasgupta, mother of Smt. Swagata Lakshmi Dasgupta and Smt. Kalavati Devi, mother of Smt. Bimbavati Devi. Smt Arundhuti Bhattacharya, the first lady Chairperson of State Bank of India was also felicitated on the occasion. The programme was moderated by Smt. Madhumanti Moitra, and included performances by Smt Bratati Bandhopadhyay, Smt. Tithi Debbarman and Smt. Swagatha Lakshmi Dasgupta.

Shyamsundar Co Jewellers was the presenting sponsor of the event along with Coca Cola, Godrej Properties Limited, M/S Udayan High Rise, Unnayan Group, Allahabad Bank, Calcutta Tea Traders Association as our Gold Sponsors. Sangeet Bangla was the official Electronic Partner of the show along with Artage as our Outdoor Partner, Irony Metal Furniture and Asha Audio as Gift Sponsors. Life Time Senior Citizen Health Card was presented by NH-Rabindra Nath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences.



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Shri Sourav Ganguly addressing the audience



▲ Shri Kallol Datta welcoming Shri Sourav Ganguly



A section of the audience



▲ Shri Subrata Dutta and Shri Sourav Ganguly



▲ Smt Bratati Bandhopadhyay



Shri Subrata Dutta welcoming Smt. Tithi DebBarman, the well-known singer



Shri Subrata Dutta presenting a memento to Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya. Smt Madhumanti Moitra, Shri Rupak Saha, Smt Sukanya Bose (BCC&I Secretariat) present on stage

Shri Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber, welcoming Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya, First Lady Chairperson of The State Bank of India

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Shri Anilava Chatterjee, Senior Member, Sports Development Committee of the Chamber presenting a memento to Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya





Stayman Co

Shri Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya



▲ Shri K Sengupta of Godrej Properties presenting a memento to Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya



Smt. Arundhuti Bhattacharya addressing the audience



Shri Rupak Saha, Smt. Nandita Sengupta, Smt. Rituparna Sengupta, Shri Sourav Ganguly watching the show

Shri Subrata Dutta presenting a memento to Shri Sourav Ganguly

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Smt Bratati Bandhopadhyay during her performance





Shri P.Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber welcoming Smt. Bratati Bandhopadhyay



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Shri Subrata Dutta presenting the award to Smt. Nandita Sengupta along with Ms Rituparna Sengupta. Also on stage: Shri Ambarish Dasgupta, Shri Kallol Datta, Shri Indranil Dey, Shri Rupak Saha, Shri Subrata Dutta

Smt. Rituparna Sengupta and Smt Nandita Sengupta



Shri Rupak Saha presenting a memento to Smt. Nandita Sengupta

Dr. Binayak Deb, Senior Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, NH -Rabindra Nath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences presenting Life Time Senior Citizen Health Card to Smt. Nandita Sengupta

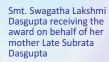


Smt Bratati Bandhopadhyay during her performance

"RATNAGARBHA": A TRIBUTE TO THE PROUD MOTHERS OF BENGAL



Shri P.Roy welcoming Smt Swathilekha Sengupta and Ms. Sohini Sengupta







Smt Swathilekha Sengupta and Ms Sohini Sengupta addressing the audience



Smt. Swagatha Lakshmi Dasgupta receiving the award on behalf of her mother Late Subrata Dasgupta



Shri P.Roy presenting a memento to Smt. Swathilekha Sengupta and Ms. Sohini Sengupta



A section of the audience





Shri Subrata Dutta, presenting a memento Smt. Swagathalakshmi Dasgupta

Shri Subrata Dutta presenting a memento to Smt. Swagatha Lakshmi Dasgupta

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Shri Kallol Datta presenting the award to Smt. Kalavati Devi



Shri Rupak Saha presenting a memento to Smt. Kalavati Devi. Present on stage Shri Kallol Datta, Shri Subrato Dutta and Smt Bimbavati Devi



to Smt Bimbavati Devi





Shri Subrata Dutta presenting a memento to Smt. Kalavati Devi



Smt. Kalavati Devi and Smt. Bimbavati Devi

EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

10th February 2014

2nd IPMGA – The International Photography Museum and Gallery Alliance, Photography exhibition in aid of Society for Indian Children's Welfare (SICW) Guests of Honour: Mr. Wang Xuefeng, Consul General of China in Kolkata, Hon'ble Justice Indira Banerjee and Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber.



10th March 2014

Interaction with His Excellency Freddy Svane, Danish Ambassador to India





NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

TEQIP SPONSORED 3 DAY WORKSHOP ON "SELF DEFENSE AWARENESS FOR WOMEN" FOR OUR GIRL STUDENTS ORGANIZED BY WOMEN CELL, JISCE FROM 05.03.2014 TO 07.03.2014 IN JIS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



Women Cell, JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani, started the week of International Women's Day with a bang by organizing a 3-day National Workshop on "Self Defense Awareness for Women" from 5th March to 7th March 2014. The motto of the workshop focused the caption "We Deserve to be Safe".

The objective of the workshop was to impart skills of simple techniques for self defense for the female students.

Self Defense is the birth right of every woman. The workshop was honoured with the presence of Mr. Partha Pratim Mukherjee, Asst. Secretary, W.S.K.F.I. West Bengal, 4th DAN Black Belt W.S.K.F. Japan, 2nd DAN Black Belt A.I.K.F. The workshop was inaugurated by our honorable Director, Prof. Dr. Asit Guha. His inspiration and encouragement

really helped to motivate all the participants.

The workshop witnessed power packed participation of 75 female students of JIS College of Engineering including day scholars. Few lady faculty members of varied department also showed interest to the above

theme and acknowledged the workshop with their valued participation.

Mr. Partha Pratim Mukherjee was assisted by his few well trained junior trainers who helped their master to demonstrate some karate skills. The workshop received positive feedback from participants which motivated Women Cell for conducting such type of workshops more on regular basis. The Workshop concluded with a vote of thanks and certificate distribution.



"A Day Out for Old Age Home Members" organized by Community Connect Club, JISCE

There has been a steady rise in the population of elderly persons in India. The number has increased from 19.8 million in 1951 to 76 million in 2001 and the projections indicate that the number of people in the age bracket of 60 years and above in India will increase to 100 million in 2013 and to 198 million in 2030. The traditional norms and values of the Indian society laid stress on showing respect and providing care for the aged. However, in recent times, society is witnessing a gradual but definite withering of the joint family system, as a result of which a large number of parents are being neglected by their families exposing a lack of emotional, physical and financial support. These senior citizens are facing a lot of problems in the absence of adequate social security.

This clearly reveals that ageing has become a major social challenge and there is a need to create a social milieu, which is conducive and sensitive to emotional needs of the elderly.

With this objective, the Community Connect Club organized a greatly successful event "A Day out for Old Age Home Members" on 4th March 2014 at the JIS College campus to set an example of moral values for the students of the college towards the elders of our society. Four Old Age Homes participated in the event. These were, Kalyania, Jiban Sathi, Aponjon and Maa Sarda of Kalyani. The event was held on the auspicious Hanuman Mandir foundation day of the college. 39 senior citizens participated in this event. Students spent the whole day with the senior citizens and organized

Bhog Prasad for them.

The event was graced by our respected MD, Mr. Taranjit Singh; Director, Dr. A. Guha; Deputy Director JIS Group, Mr. U. S. Mukherjee and GM Corporate JIS Group, Mrs. Sila Singh Ghosh. More than 50 students participated in the event. The other members of Community Connect Club namely Dr. Subhranil Som, Mr. Basudev Dey, Mr. Sainik Mahata, Mr. Proloy Ghosh, Mr. Uttiya Kar, Mrs. Monalisha Dey and Mrs. Sraboni Biswas were also present. The Community Connect Club extends thanks to the college authority for giving the permission to organize the novel event in the college.



















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