



from the desk of the PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



27th March, 2024

As we approach the end of the financial year 2023-2024, it is reassuring to reflect on India's economic journey during this intriguing period. India's resilience and dynamism in the global economic landscape have been commendable, with the nation retaining its title as the world's fastest-growing major economy. Notably, our economy expanded **by 8.4%** in the last quarter of 2023, a testament to our robust investment to GDP ratio, among other factors.

A defining characteristic of our economy presently is the significant investment in infrastructure and the manufacturing sector. This strategic focus aims to bolster India's competitiveness in the global market, especially considering the substantial opportunities presented by the **USD 32 trillion global** export market.

In alignment with our commitment to serve our stakeholders diligently, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry has pursued a well-crafted roadmap aimed at fostering meaningful engagements and delivering tangible benefits. Our efforts have expanded beyond knowledge empowerment, as exemplified by the successful outcomes of initiatives like the 8th Rural Connect, where significant in-principle loans were sanctioned to numerous Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). Additionally, events in

March such as the 3rd PINK IT Conclave, 13th Shipping and Logistics Conclave, 14th National Manufacturing Conclave, and MSME Excellence Award, along with the 6th People Management Conclave, have further enriched our engagement spectrum.

As we set our sights on the forthcoming financial year, I urge the Managing Committee, Chairpersons, and all esteemed Members to actively participate in shaping the future trajectory of our activities. Your insights, suggestions, and collaborative efforts are invaluable in ensuring that our endeavours remain not only relevant but also impactful in driving the socio-economic progress of our stakeholders.

Together, let us continue to innovate, collaborate, and strive for excellence, thereby contributing to the prosperity and well-being of our community and Nation at large.

Warm regards,

Sd/-**Gautam Ray** President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to National Homoeo Laboratory and SDM Automobiles whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 28th February 2024.





3RD EDITION OF SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE COURSE ON CYBER SECURITY 2024

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with WEBEI- Fujisoft Vara CoE Industry 4.0., organized 3rd Edition of Cyber Security Course 2024; focusing on two extremely critical areas:

- Supply Chain Security Risk & Impact of Al for Enterprise and
- Digital Personal Data Protection Act in India (DPDP)

It was a 16 hours course in immersive mode:

- 17th February 2024 (Supply Chain Security Risk in CoE)
- 24th February 2024 (Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP) virtually
- 2nd March 2024 (Data Protection and Privacy in the Supply Chain; Building Resilience in Supply Chain Security; Regulatory Compliance and Standards in Supply Chain Security) virtually
- 9th March 2024 (Impact of AI for Enterprise in CoE).

The workshop had 36 participants from various sectors including steel and metal, energy, manufacturing, oil and gas, health, technology, consultancy among others.

The nominations were from Air Water India Pvt Ltd; Exide Industries Ltd; Gainwell Commosales Pvt Ltd; Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd; Indian Oil Corporation Ltd; Medica Hospitals Pvt Ltd; mjunction services limited; Oroprise Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd; Rashmi Group; RPSG Ventures Limited; Saha Steel Pvt Ltd; TATA Steel Downstream Products Limited; Tech Mahindra and Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Ltd.

Workshop on Cyber Security is an annual engagement of BCC&I. Last two years covered Vulnerability Management and Social Engineering in 2022 and Ransomware and Data Privacy in 2023.

The concluding session of the course was followed by certificate distribution. **Mr. N K Ghosal,** Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mentor, WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Center and Director, NKG & Associates presented the joint certificates (WEBEL-Fujisoft Vara CoE and The Bengal Chamber) to the participants and prizes to the winners of the Quiz conducted during the Workshop.



Mr. N K Ghosal,
Member, IT
Committee, The Bengal
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WEBEL-BCC&I Tech
Incubation Center and
Director, NKG &
Associates delivering
the formal Welcome
Address during the
Opening Ceremony of
Day 1 (17th February
2024) of the Course



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the participants during the Opening Ceremony of Day 1 (17th February 2024) of the Course



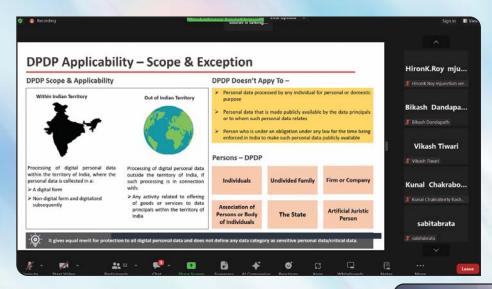
Mr. Sourav Bhaumik, esteemed Faculty of the Course interacting with the participants on Day 1 (17th February 2024) of the Course



Mr. Anirban Choudhuri, Centre Manager & Head of Academics, Webel Fujisoft Vara Centre of Excellence in Industry 4.0 addressing the participants during the Opening Ceremony of Day 1 (17th February 2024) of the Course



Mr. Sourav Bhaumik, esteemed Faculty of the Course interacting with the participants on the concluding day of the Course (9th March 2024)



The Session in progress virtually on day 2 (24th February 2024)



Mr. N K Ghosal, Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mentor, WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Center and Director, NKG & Associates addressing the participants on the concluding day of the Course (9th March 2024)



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Associates presenting
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winners of the Quiz
conducted during the
Workshop



Mr. Abhishek Das of Webel Fujisoft Vara Centre of Excellence in Industry 4.0 presenting certificate to one of the participants

2ND EDITION OF ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONCLAVE

23rd February 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the second edition of the Annual Corporate Governance Conclave on February 23rd, 2024, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises. The conclave aimed to deliberate on critical dimensions shaping the contemporary corporate landscape and featured on multifaceted themes crucial for sustainable and responsible business practices.

The programme began with a formal introduction and a welcome address by **Mr. Gautam Ray,** President, The Bengal Chamber followed by *Mr. Jitendra Kumar,* Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Company Secretary & President (Legal & Corporate Affairs), Exide Industries Limited. The Chief Guest of the programme was **Mr. Subir Chakraborty,** MD & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd.

The inaugural session was followed by 3 panel discussions namely:

Journey toward Carbon neutrality and ESG: Role of the Board Members in Companies, the eminent speakers of this session were- Mr. Sandeep Kumar, MD, Tata Steel Downstream Products Ltd; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, MD and CEO, Exide Industries Ltd and Mr. Anjan Ghosh, Director, SunCraft Energy Private Limited. The session was moderator by Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte India. The session discussed that how the factors like carbon neutrality, the

broader ESG framework contribute to long-term business success. Emphasized on the responsibilities and best practices for board members in overseeing ESG initiatives, setting meaningful goals, navigating challenges, and fostering transparent communication, to explore practical approaches, metrics, and collaborative strategies, empowering board members with the knowledge and tools needed to lead their organizations on a sustainable and responsible path.

The second session was on Cyber Risk and Fraud Analysis, an eye opener for the Board members. This session as moderated by Dr. CS Adv Mamta Binani, National Past President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The panelists were- Mr. Nitin Jhunjhunwala, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP; Mr. Santosh Prasad, Partner & Service Line Lead; Hybrid Cloud Transformation, GIC, IBM Consulting; and Mr. N K Ghoshal, Director, NKG & Associates. The discussion highlighted the multifaceted nature of cyber risks, sophisticated tactics and the vulnerabilities that organizations may face, the latest trends in fraud analysis, the importance of proactive measures to detect and mitigate potential threats, the significance of robust cyber security frameworks, employee awareness and training, as well as the integration of cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning in bolstering defense mechanisms.

The third and the final session was on Digital Personal Data

Protection Act 2023. The panellists were Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Chief Digital Officer - RPSG Group and Mr. Sashank Mishra, Partner, Amarchand Mangaldas &Co, this was moderated by Mr. Suparno Moitra, Public Speaker & Policy Advocacy Specialist. The session touched upon the challenges and opportunities with the Act, such as the implementation of robust cyber security protocols, transparency in data processing practices, and the potential impact on innovation in the digital landscape, the role of regulatory bodies in overseeing adherence to the Act and the collaborative efforts

required from both public and private sectors to foster a secure and privacy-centric digital ecosystem, the complexities of data protection in the digital age, aiming to strike a balance between individual privacy rights and the legitimate needs of businesses to access and utilize personal data.

The initiative was supported by CESC Limited, Linde India Limited, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited and Exide Industries Limited. The programme was greatly appreciated by the attendees.



Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering Welcome Address



Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Company Secretary & President (Legal & Corporate Affairs), Exide Industries Limited delivering Theme Address



Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Subir Chakraborty, MD and CEO, Exide Industries Ltd



Dignitaries at the Inaugural Session from (L-R) Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, MD and CEO, Exide Industries Ltd; and Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson, Corporate Governance Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Company Secretary & President (Legal & Corporate Affairs), Exide Industries Limited



Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte India moderating the Session 1 on Journey toward Carbon neutrality and ESG



Mr. Sandeep Kumar, MD, Tata Steel Downstream Products Ltd delivering his address



Mr. Anjan Ghosh, Director, SunCraft Energy Private Limited during the Session 1



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, MD and CEO, Exide Industries Ltd delivering his address



Dr. CS Adv Mamta Binani, National Past President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) India moderating the Session 2 on Cyber Risk and Fraud Analysis



Dignitaries at the Session 1 from (L-R) Mr. Sandeep Kumar, MD, Tata Steel Downstream Products Ltd; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, MD and CEO, Exide Industries Ltd; Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Partner, Financial Advisory, Deloitte India; Mr. Anjan Ghosh, Director, SunCraft Energy Private Limited



Mr. Nitin Jhunjhunwala, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP delivering his address



Mr. N K Ghoshal, Director, NKG & Associates delivering his address



Mr. Santosh Prasad, Partner & Service Line Lead; Hybrid Cloud Transformation, GIC, IBM Consulting during the Session 2



Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Chief Digital Officer -RPSG Group during the Session 3



Dignitaries at the Session 2 from (L-R) Mr. Santosh Prasad, Partner & Service Line Lead; Hybrid Cloud Transformation, GIC, IBM Consulting; Mr. N K Ghoshal, Director, NKG & Associates; Dr. CS Adv Mamta Binani, National Past President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) India and Mr. Nitin Jhunjhunwala, Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP



Mr. Suparno Moitra, Public Speaker & Policy Advocacy Specialist moderating the Session 3 on Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023



Mr. Sashank Mishra, Partner, Amarchand Mangaldas & Co addressing the audience



Dignitaries at the Session 3 from (L-R) Mr. Suparno Moitra, Public Speaker & Policy Advocacy Specialist; Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Chief Digital Officer - RPSG Group and Mr. Sashank Mishra, Partner, Amarchand Mangaldas & Co



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, delivering the Vote of thanks



A section of audience during the conclave

24th and 26th February 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises and Gangasagar, Sunderbans

'EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP' ON DECARBONIZATION AND CARBON CREDIT

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) with Meensou India organized an 'Experience Workshop' on Decarbonization and Carbon Credit on 24th February 2024 at The Bengal Chamber premises followed by a live site visit of Carbon Sink and demonstration of the Blue Carbon Credit Project at Gangasagar, Sunderbans on 26th February 2024.

BCC&I, with Meensou India and EcoAct, has commenced a major BlueCarbon Credit project in the Sunderbans Island. The project aims to plant 1,40,00,000 mangrove plants in 4000 ha of land which is 3500 plants/ha. A Delegation from Ecoact, with expertise on cook stove, came from France.

The workshop on **24**th **February 2024** included understanding of

- Creating Carbon Sink
- Voluntary Carbon Market
- Carbon Offset Market
- Low cost technologies for environmental and social benefits
- Carbon Financing
- Case Studies on Cook Stove and Blue Carbon Project

A key feature was how to be prepared for Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) for European Union (EU) Market.

Shri M K De, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal and Chairperson, BCC&I Sustainability Forum was present at the Opening along with **Mr. Gautam Ray,** President, BCC&I and **Mr. Ashok Zutshi,** Advisor & Board Member, Meensou India.

Demonstrations were given by Mr. Soumya Darshan Pradhan, Founder, CEO & MD of Meensou India, Ms. Amie Nevin, Carbon Project Development Manager (Community Based), EcoAct, France, and **Mr. Vinay Singh,** Lead Auditor, Meensou India.

The Delegation of participants were taken for the live visitof Carbon Sink and demonstration of the Blue Carbon Credit Project at Gangasagar, Sunderbanson 26th February. Participants from PSUs, SOE and large corporates from different parts of countries represented IOCL, NTPC Limited, Tata Steel, ITC Limited, WBPDCL and Larsen & Toubro etc.

Breakfast and team building exercise were hosted at Jagriti Dham, assisted living facility for senior citizens, of Infinity Group near Joka on the way.

This visit included:

- Crossing Muriganga River to reach Gangasagar from Kakdwip
- Participating in Community Lunch
- Local Community Engagement
- Demonstration on Cook Stove for local community engagement
- Interacting with Overseas Delegates
- Visit to the Live Site of Carbon Sink and Demonstration of the Blue Carbon Credit Project at the site where the saplings of Garjan (Rhizophora apiculata) and Kakra (Bruguiera gymnorhiza), both mangrove species, have started growing since their plantation began in November 2023.

As the UNSDGs signify inter relationships of the dynamics of socio-economic and environmental parameters; our project's uniqueness is livelihood creation along with climate change mitigation involving women and youths in the plantation project thereby also addressing gender parity and youth empowerment.

Day 1 (24th February 2024)



L-R: Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I, Mr. Ashok Zutshi, Advisor & Board Member, Meensou India & Shri M K De, IAS (Retd,), Former Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

'EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP' ON DECARBONIZATION AND CARBON CREDIT





Audience at the Workshop



Ms. Amie Nevin, Carbon Project Development Manager (Community Based), EcoAct, France



Mr. Vinay Singh, Lead Auditor, Meensou India

Mr. Soumya Darshan Pradhan, Founder, CEO & MD, Meensou India

Day 2 (26th February 2024)

Team building at Nature Park of Ibiza facilitated by Jagriti Dham



Participants visited Jagriti Dham by Infinity Group, en route to Gangasagar, for breakfast



Crossing Muriganga River by boat



Community Engagement and Cook Stove Demonstration



Community Lunch

'EXPERIENCE WORKSHOP' ON DECARBONIZATION AND CARBON CREDIT







Site Visit





Demonstration of the plantation project



Saplings of Garjan (Rhizophora apiculata) and Kakra (Bruguiera gymnorhiza), both mangrove species, have started growing since their plantation began in November 2023



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the 7th edition of Health Tech Summit on 1st March, 2024 at The Park, Kolkata. PwC India was the Knowledge Partner.

The theme this year was "Innovations and Disruptions in Healthcare and Bio Technologies". A Thought Paper on "Understanding the impact of GenAl on the Indian healthcare ecosystem" was released at the Summit by PwC.

This year the scope has also been extended and biotechnology has been included with health technology.

With growing life expectancy aided by Healthcare advancements and also due to other factors, like pollution and lifestyle, importance of healthcare is gaining more and more importance for an equitable society. Healthcare can only perform with biotechnology advancements.

The 7th edition brought together stakeholders of Biotechnology, Healthcare, Technology and of other relevant players together where they shared case studies, discussed and collaborative networking had taken place.

In the Opening Session the Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President - Corporate, RPSG Group. Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd delivered the Theme Address. Dr. Rupali Basu, Managing Director and CEO, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited was one of the esteemed Guests and Speakers of the Session and deliberated on 'Future of Healthcare Management - trends in Digital Advancements'. Mr. Rana Dasgupta, CEO - Eastern Region, Apollo Hospitals Group deliberated on 'Culture of Excellence in Hospitals' at the Opening Session.

Special Presentation – 'Innovations in Medical Gas and Devices to revolutionize Patient Safety and Care' was made by Mr. Anirban Sen, Head of Healthcare – India, Linde India Limited.

The 1st session was on 'Changing Paradigm in Geriatric Care' was moderated by Mr. Aninda Das, Vice President - Marketing, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited and the panellist were RJ Arvind, Radio Presenter and Programming Consultant; Ms. Nilanjana Maulik, Secretary General, Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India, Calcutta Chapter; Ms. Sukanya Chakravarty, COO, InvictlQ; Ms. Geetanjali Sen, Academician & Author and Dr. Dhiresh Kumar Choudhury, Geriatrician & Social Activist, Social Entrepreneur, Columnist & Poet.

The 2nd session was on 'Innovations in Health and Bio Technologies - Inculcating the Spirit.' Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Executive Director, PwC moderated the Session and the panellist were Dr. Satyajit Bose Chairperson, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, The Mission Hospital, Ms. Sandhya Kaushik Chief Business Officer, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital; Dr. Bhupesh Dewan, Director - Medical Services, Zuventus Healthcare Ltd.; Dr. Sudeshna Lahiri Deputy Medical Director, Ruby General Hospital and Prof. (Dr.) Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Clinical Director, Research and Academics, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata.

The 3rd session was on 'Gen AI - Research to Wellness' and was moderated by Mr. Rajiv Sabharwal, Partner, PwC and the panellist were Dr. Shanta Dutta Director & Scientist G, ICMR-National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases; Mr. Debashis Majumdar Country Head, Fujisoft India; Ms. Suparna Sengupta, Chief Executive Officer, IQ City Medical College & Hospital, Durgapur.

The final session for the day was on 'Enabling Investments in Health and Bio Technologies'. It was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University and the panellist were Dr. Debasish Dutta, Chief Executive Officer, Kolkata Biotech Park; Dr. Sangita Majee, Head, IKP-PRIME RTTO, A-LABS, IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad; Dr. Barun Kanta Bhattacharyya, Manager - R&D, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited.

The Summit was attended by more than 200 delegates across the city and also from other parts of the State.



Exhibitors at the 7th Health Tech Summit 2024



Opening Session: Welcome Address by Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President – Corporate, RPSG Group



Opening Session: Theme Address by Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd



Opening Session : Address by Dr. Rupali Basu, Managing Director and CEO, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited on 'Future of Healthcare Management - trends in Digital Advancements'



Opening Session : Address by Mr. Rana Dasgupta, CEO - Eastern Region, Apollo Hospitals Group on 'Culture of Excellence in Hospitals'



Audience at 7th HealthTech Summit 2024



Release of Thought Paper by PwC (L-R) Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Executive Director, PwC; Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Satyajit Bose, Chairperson - The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Rupali Basu, Managing Director and CEO, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited, Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & President – Corporate, RPSG Group, Mr. Rana Dasgupta, CEO - Eastern Region, Apollo Hospitals Group



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Session 2: Innovations in Health and Bio Technologies – inculcating the spirit (L-R) Dr. Sudeshna Lahiri, Deputy Medical Director, Ruby General Hospital; Prof. (Dr.) Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Clinical Director, Research and Academics, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata; Dr. Bhupesh Dewan, Director-Medical Services, Zuventus Healthcare Ltd; Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Executive Director, PwC; Dr. Satyajit Bose, Chairperson, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, The Mission Hospital, Durgapur, Ms. Sandhya Kaushik, Chief Business Officer, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences and Hospital







Session 4: Enabling Investments in Health and Bio Technologies (L-R) Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Dr. Debasish Dutta, Chief Executive Officer, Kolkata Biotech Park; Dr. Sangita Majee, Head, IKP-PRIME RTTO, A-LABS, IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad; Dr. Barun Kanta Bhattacharyya, Manager-R&D, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited



Q/A Session in progress



Exhibitors at the 7th Health Tech Summit 2024





Audience at 7th HealthTech Summit 2024



Networking at the Venue



Exhibitors at the 7th Health Tech Summit 2024



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the 1st Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz, in association with Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) Bengaluru, on 9th March 2024, at MAHE Bengaluru Campus.

The first edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz brought together Startups and Startup enthusiasts for an infotainment day. The questions touched the domains of business and technology.

This was a unique platform, which offered Startups to network with each other and helped to connect with Investors and successful entrepreneurs. The participants for this Quiz were Startups and Startup enthusiasts (Unicorns, Soonicorns, Ideation stage startups, Employees of startups, PE investors, VCs, Incubators, Students etc).

Mr. Titash Banerjea was the Quizmaster .

Mr. Harinarayan Sharma, CEO, Manipal Foundation & Senior Vice President, MEMG International India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ashwat Anand Rao, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Manipal Centre for Innovation Leadership and Entrepreneurship; Dr. Raghavendra Prabhu, Deputy Register, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru; Mr. Gaurav K Punjabi, GM-Events and Marketing, Digital Economy Mission Karnataka; Prof Daya Sagar, Head, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Center; Mr. Jayanta Saha, CEO and Founder, Softthink Intelligent Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Rajat Subhra Roy, Director, Adamas Tech Consulting Pvt Ltd; Mr. Gaurav Yadav, Deputy Director, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and Mr. Kumar Ayush, Senior Data Scientist, Altair were present cheering the teams and presenting the Award.

The team, comprising of Mr. B Naveen Kumar from Hyderabad and Mr. Jayakanthan R from Chennai were the Winners; where the team from Mumbai, comprising of Mr. Rajarshi Chanda and Mr. Meghashyam Shirodkar stood as 1st Runners Up and the team comprising of Mr. Jameer KB (Cochin) and

Mr. Preetham Upadhya (Bengaluru) stood as 2nd Runners Up.

The Winners had been awarded with prize money of ₹ 50,000 along with trophy and medal. The 1st Runners Up had been awarded with prize money of ₹ 30,000 along with trophy and medal, while the Second Runners Up had been awarded with the prize money of ₹ 20,000 along with trophy and medal.

We also had three special prizes for the top 3 teams from Manipal Academy of Higher Education, who put up a brilliant performance - Winners- Mr. Akhilesh Kumaravel & Mr. Ayushmaan Deb; 1st Runners up - Mr. Nishant Shet & Mr. Daksh Mutneja; 2nd Runners up - Mr. Animesh Mishra & Mr. Sampreet Byali.

One of the most memorable aspects of this quiz was the energy from the audience, who packed the auditorium till the end of the quiz. One of our distinguished guests — Mr. Harinarayan Sharma, CEO, Manipal Foundation & Senior Vice President, MEMG International India Pvt. Ltd. won the audience prize by a stellar answer. Significant number of Startups enthusiasts from varied domains and renowned companies like Barclays, Big Basket, Fujitsu participated. Students from pioneering institutes like Praxis Business School and MAHE also joined. Teams participated from other cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Kochi.

Premier Institute, like MAHE, has joined The Bengal Chamber, along with corporates like ITC Ltd and other business houses like ALTAIR India, Adamas Tech Consulting Pvt Ltd., Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt Ltd exemplifying a collaborative effort on how the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and prominent industries in the country are recognizing the importance of accelerating the startup ecosystem in Bangalore and beyond. Eminent industry leaders, Angel Investors and VCs graced the award ceremony and also lent their support to this programme.

1ST EDITION OF BIZ TECH STARTUP QUIZ



Registration in progress



Preliminary round of the Quiz in progress



Lamp lighting ceremony graced by - Mr. Ashwath Anand Rao, Professor of Commerce, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE); Mr. Jayanta Kumar Saha, Director, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt Ltd; Mr. Gaurav Yadav, Deputy Director Admissions, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE); Mr. Rajat Subhra Roy, Director- Adamas Tech Consulting Pvt Ltd; Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Final round of the Quiz in progress



Mr. Harinarayan Sharma, CEO Manipal Foundation & Sr VP, MEMG International India Pvt Ltd, won an audience prize by a stellar answer



2nd Runners Up - Mr. Jameer KB (Cochin) and Mr Preetham Upadhya (Bengaluru) during the Award Ceremony



1st Runners Up - Mr. Rajarshi Chanda and Mr. Meghashyam Shirodkar during the Award Ceremony



Winners - Mr. B Naveen Kumar (Hyderabad) and Mr. Jayakanthan R (Chennai) during the Award Ceremony



One for the frame! The winners of the 1st edition of the Biz Tech Startup Quiz along with the esteemed dignitaries



The 8th Rural Connect: FPO-SHG-Agri Awards saw the successful culmination of 7 months of dedicated work in West Bengal's districts alongside the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO/FPC) and the State Bank of India (SBI).

During the 8th Rural Connect event hosted at The Oberoi Grand in Kolkata on March 11th, the FPC/FPO Garage Program, overseen by Sri Shantanu C Pendsey, CGM (ABU & GSS) of the State Bank of India, facilitated on-the-spot. loan assessments. Around 70 FPOs/FPCs from all parts of West Bengal were in attendance and 38 FPOs/FPCs were handed over in-principle sanction letters after processing, amounting to an incredible Rs. 4 Cr!

A report and audio-visual presentation on the FPO Outreach programme was also released during the event. The report having the contact numbers of all district in-charge of Farm Sector Loans was shared with all the FPOs and also online.

Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson of the Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee at BCC&I, extended a warm welcome to all delegates attending the seminar, emphasizing the significance of their participation in collectively shaping the discourse on rural development and agricultural innovation.

Shri Shantanu Pendsey, from ABU & GSS, Mumbai, representing the State Bank of India, emphasized the necessity of advancing along the value chain to secure more lucrative prices for agricultural produce. This visionary approach aims to uplift the livelihoods of farmers across the region, ensuring sustainable growth and prosperity.

Prof Chittaranjan Kole, Chairman, Foundation for Science and Society President, International Climate Resilient Crop Genomics Consortium President, Genome India International, offered succinct insights on sustainable agriculture

One of the panel discussions featured prominent figures from both the Producer Organization Promoting Institutions (POPI) and Cluster Based Business Organizations. The discussion centered on elucidating the multifaceted landscape of challenges and opportunities faced by Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Amidst the backdrop of agricultural dynamism, panelists delved into the intricate fabric of obstacles obstructing FPOs' growth trajectories, juxtaposed with the promising vistas awaiting exploration.

Mr. Shuvajit Chakraborty, Manager, AIC spoke on Agri Insurance – Key to Protect Farmers from Disasters.

Mr. Prem Ganesh, Chief of Sales at Dhurvi Gold Soil Conditioner, Tata Steel, and Mr. Abhishek Dutta, CEO of New Business & Agriculture Products at Saha Steel Pvt. Ltd. emphasized the pivotal role of input dealerships in bridging the gap between agricultural inputs and farmers

During the exports session tailored for farmers, Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay, Director & CEO of InQube Technologies, alongside Mr. Ankush Saha, Managing Director of JGB Agrofresh, and Mr. Tamal Sarkar, Joint Secretary of WB Fruit & Veg Exporters Welfare Association, provided valuable guidance:

Acknowledging the relentless dedication and commendable efforts in the agricultural domain, a total of 20 FPOs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Agricultural Companies were honored with prestigious awards for their outstanding contributions towards the agricultural cause. These accolades underscored the pivotal role played by these entities in driving positive change and fostering innovation within the agricultural landscape.

Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and Industry delivered the valedictory address and said that the event was a testament to the power of collaboration and the potential for positive change in rural communities.



Shri Shantanu Chandrakant Pendsey, CGM (ABU & GSS), CC, Mumbai, State Bank of India addressing the audience during the inaugural session



Prof Chittaranjan Kole, Chairman, Foundation for Science and Society President, International Climate Resilient Crop Genomics Consortium President, Genome India International delivering his address



(L-R) Md. Abdul Jabbar Khan, Bhangar FPC; Lakshmi Kanta Roy, Khagenhat Welfare Organization; Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee, BCC&I; Bjan Pusti, Dakshin Charaikheya United Club; Sourav Singha Thakur, Damodar Agro FPC; Dr. Rapti Pan, Consultant, Grant Thronton, Bharat during one of the sessions



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee, BCC&I; Consultant, Indofil Industries Ltd delivering the welcome address



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee, BCC&I; Shri Shantanu Chandrakant Pendsey, CGM (ABU & GSS), CC, Mumbai, State Bank of India and Prof Chittaranjan Kole, Chairman, Foundation for Science and Society releasing the FPO Outreach Project report



Mr. Shuvajit Chakraborty, Manager, AIC speaking on agriculture insurance

8TH RURAL CONNECT AND FPO-SHG-AGRI AWARDS



Mr. Prem Ganesh, Chief of Sales - Dhurvi Gold Soil Conditioner, Tata Steel talking on Agri-input



Mr. Abhishek Dutta, CEO-New Business & Agriculture Products, Saha Steel Pvt. Ltd. speaking on agri-input



(L-R) Mr. Tamal Sarkar, Jt. Secretary, WB Fruit & Veg Exporters Welfare Association; Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay, Director & CEO, InQube Technologies; Mr. Ankush Saha, Managing Director, JGB Agrofresh during the export session



Audience at the Venue





FPOs being handed over the in-principle loan sanction letter by SBI

8TH RURAL CONNECT AND FPO-SHG-AGRI AWARDS



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The FPO-SHG-AGRI Award winners at the venue



Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and Industry delivering the valedictory address



CIBIL checking and loan assessment by SBI officials

14th March 2024, Five Mad Men, Salt Lake Sector V Kolkata

3RD EDITION OF PINK IT



Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) is a focus area of technology centric initiatives contributing towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 5 (gender equality).

Pink IT is an annual initiative of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) which aims to address the issues of gender parity in technology industry especially with the objective of bridging the gap in leadership. The 3rd edition

of PINK IT 2024 was organized on 14th March 2024 at Five Mad Men, Salt Lake Sector V Kolkata.

More than 70 Women IT professionals and entrepreneurs came together to discuss career growth, work-life balance and importance of health. Successful women leaders came to Kolkata from Bengaluru and Mumbai to share their journeys.

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Some observations highlighted at the discussions include building more confidence (which may be enhanced by upskilling and training), building resilience with positivity, importance of healthy living (with emphasis on the point that women live longer than men as stats say).

Concerns are still there with disparity in pay scale across geographies. Ironically, some developed economies have also witnessed lesser participation of women in workforce even with higher participation in STEM education.

Surprisingly, still not many women are aware of their legal rights. POSH is unheard to many, as understood from the response at the forum.

Women leaders joined from Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata to share their thoughts and interact with fellow women in technology sector. The speakers included:

- Ms. Minal Bhagat, Member, IT Entrepreneurs and eCommerce National Committee, BCC&I and Director, Ensonic Computech Pvt Ltd.
- Ms. Pushpalatha M.S., CEO & Director, Prameya Health

- and Cofounder & Director, GarbhaGudi IVF Centre from Bengaluru
- Ms. Sunita Mohanty, Head of Cloud Success Services, SAP India, Bengaluru
- Ms. Amrita Chowdhury, Co-Founder & CEO, Gaia Smart Cities, Mumbai
- Ms. Kamalini Paul, Managing Director, Paulson Hotel and Resorts Private Limited (D C Paul Group of Companies), Kolkata
- Ms. Rashmita Parija, HR Head- India, Lexmark International Inc., Kolkata

Ms. Ulrika Andersson, Founder and Advisor, Nisimaldar Advisory AB and Co-founder & Board Member of Girls in Tech Nordicsjoined from Stockholm virtually, in conversation with Mr. Niladri Shekhar Dutta, Member, IT Committee, BCC&I and VP and Global Head of Consulting & Telco Industry Solutions, Virtusa who also joined from Stockholm virtually.

Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, Fiscal Affairs & Taxation (National) Committee, BCC&I and Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Kolkata was also present who shared legal perspectives.



Registration in progress





Ms Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General,The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry moderating the programme



L-R: Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Ms. Minal Bhagat, Member, IT Entrepreneurs and eCommerce National Committee, BCC&I and Director, Ensonic Computech Pvt Ltd., Kolkata; Ms. Pushpalatha M.S., CEO & Director, Prameya Health and Cofounder & Director, GarbhaGudi IVF Centre from Bengaluru; Ms. Sunita Mohanty, Head of Cloud Success Services, SAP India, Bengaluru; Ms. Amrita Chowdhury, Co-Founder & CEO, Gaia Smart Cities, Mumbai; Ms. Kamalini Paul, Managing Director, Paulson Hotel and Resorts Private Limited (D C Paul Group of Companies), Kolkata; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, Fiscal Affairs & Taxation (National) Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Kolkata; Ms. Rashmita Parija, HR Head-India, Lexmark International Inc., Kolkata



Vibrant participants. Mr. Niladri Shekhar Dutta, Member, IT Committee, BCC&I andVP and Global Head of Consulting & Telco Industry Solutions, Virtusa and Ms. Ulrika Andersson, Founder and Advisor, Nisimaldar Advisory AB and Co-founder & Board member of Girls in Tech Nordics joining virtually from Stockholm

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Ms. Joita Sen, Director – Marketing & Design, Senco Gold Ltd. addressing the participants



The Organizing team of PINK IT with the esteemed Speakers and the vivacious participants



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13TH EDITION OF ANNUAL SHIPPING & LOGISTICS CONCLAVE 2024

year 2023 has been a landmark year for the industry as it achieved a total of 1.25 billion Metric tons of cargo". He also

15th March 2024,

The 13th Edition of Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2024 by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) was organized on Friday, 15th March 2024 at the Bengal Chamber premises.

The conclave was inaugurated in the esteemed presence of Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I; Mr. Debashis Dutta, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, Shri Rathendra Raman (IRTS), Chairman; Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMPK), Smt. Vandana Yadav (IAS), Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, and Capt S B Mazumder, Mentor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I along with other eminent industry Stakeholder.

During the inaugural session **Mr. Gautam Ray,** President, BCC&I, deliberated that the Shipping and Logistics industry has always been the pulse of the global economy and the

Mr. Debashis Dutta, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, touched upon the importance of Ports, Waterways, Coastline, and Customs in the Supply Chain and Logistics. He said "Logistics sector is the mother of all other industries", he further recommended that it is high time that

supply and logistics sector be given status of an Industry.

touched upon the significance of 'Sagarmala' project and

attaining sustainability through green logistics.

Guest of Honour, **Shri Rathendra Raman (IRTS)**, Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMPK) shared with the audience that West Bengal has seen a state GDP compounded growth rate of 12.62 % since 2016. West Bengal is strategically located and the supply and logistics industry must leverage this advantage to transform further growth in the state. 13.6%

of the total steel exported from India is shipped out of SMPK. The port has a planned expenditure budget of Rs 5000 crores to further develop the port in next 5 years and aims to achieve handling capacity of 120 million metric tons by the year 2030. He emphasized on the need of regulatory permissions for the port to operate in during nights as well. He exhorted the businesses based in the state to utilize theservices of SMPK instead of sending their cargo to ports outside Bengal.

Chief Guest, **Smt. Vandana Yadav (IAS)**, Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, while emphasizing the importance of conclave said that such conclaves give an opportunity to the government to communicate with the stakeholders to inform them of the various government activities and also obtain feedback form the environment. She informed the audience that the West Bengal is one of the first states in the country to frame its logistics policy and achieving Industry status for the Shipping and Logistics industry is one of the aspirations of the state logistics policy. She also briefed the gathering about the ongoing Inland waterways project, West Bengal development project and the corridor development project in the state.

Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Mentor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I summed up the inaugural session of the conclave, emphasizing the importance of cultivating the right attitude and maintaining a positive outlook.

The conclave highlighted the topics:

- Focus Bengal A Road Map for Development
- Golden Period of Logistics in East and Nort East
- Emerging Challenges in Global Shipping and Logistics Sector

Technical Session I : Focus Bengal - A Road Map for Development

The session was moderated by Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal, Co-Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and President - International Business Division & Logistics, Century Plyboards (India) Limited. The eminent panelists for this session were Shri. A. K. Mehera, Dy.Chairman, HDC, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port; Mr. Shoumik Bose, Director, Ripley & Co. Stevedoring & Handling Private Limited; Mr. Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, The PDP Group; Mr. Aviral Jain, Director, Pristine Hindustan Infraprojects Pvt Ltd.

The session highlighted that the roadmap for development in Bengal focuses on optimizing logistics infrastructure to streamline cargo movement and reduce costs, with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Kolkata (SMPK) serving as a key hub boasting efficient railway sidings and incentives for freight forwarders. Efforts are underway to construct weigh bridges, truck terminals, and ensure skilled manpower for specialized equipment handling at ports. Additionally, the strategic significance of the Inland Container Depots (ICDs) at Siliguri and Durgapur is highlighted, emphasizing their potential to facilitate cargo consolidation and serve as logistics hubs connecting various corridors. Initiatives to promote packaging industries in Siliguri and leverage improved road connectivity aim to bolster its role in facilitating cargo movement to SMPK, while Durgapur's round-the-clock customs clearance facilities and recent introduction of air cargo services underscore its potential as a thriving logistics hub with a custom-notified rail terminal, contributing to Bengal's economic growth trajectory.

Technical Session II: Golden Period of Logistics in East and Nort East

The session was moderated by **Mr. Dinesh Shastri**, Managing Director, TM International Logistics Limited (TMILL). The eminent panelists for this session were **Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri**, Director Service Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.; **Mr. Shantanu Verma**, Chief - Shipping Services, Tata Steel Limited; **Ms. Nivedita Ghosh**, Senior Manager Outbound and Coastal shipping at Tata Steel Group; and **Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey**, Honorary Secretary, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India

The session brought forward that the current phase marks a promising era for logistics in East and North East, with a focus on maritime and inland water transportation. Coastal shipping and inland waterways are emphasized for their costeffectiveness and environmental benefits, with efforts to streamline regulatory processes and augment port infrastructure. The significance of the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route for coastal shipping and inland water transport is highlighted for improving regional connectivity and reducing transit costs. Digitization initiatives at ports and custom offices, alongside the implementation of projects like PM Gatishakti and ULIP, aim to enhance efficiency and ease of doing business in the logistics sector. Overall, the industry is poised for significant growth and transformation driven by digitalization, offering opportunities for increased agility, flexibility, and sustainability.

Technical Session III: Emerging Challenges in Global Shipping and Logistics Sector

The session was moderated by **Col Yogpal Singh**, Head of Corporate Affairs, D P World. The eminent panelists were - **Capt. S. B. Mazumder**, Executive Director, Seahorse Ship Agencies Pvt. Ltd; **Mr. Subhojit Ray**, Partner, Victor Moses & Co.

The discussion was focused on the emerging challenges stemming from ongoing tensions in the Red Sea region, particularly due to Houthi rebel attacks on cargo ships and tankers on the global shipping and logistics sector. These incidents have disrupted the traditional route through the Suez Canal, compelling vessels to seek longer alternative routes, such as circumnavigating Africa's Cape of Good Hope. This diversion has led to increased transit times, fuel consumption, and freight costs, affecting global supply chains. India, a key player in international trade, is also experiencing the impact, with rising transportation costs affecting exporters and importers. However, efforts are underway to mitigate these challenges, including exploring alternative routes like the proposed India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

Additionally, legal implications related to piracy and maritime incidents, including insurance coverage and liabilities, are crucial aspects in managing risks in the shipping industry.

Mr. S Hajara, Advisor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, provided excellent closing remarks for all the sessions and offered insightful reflections on the ultimate result of the conclave- "POSITIVITY".

Overall the Conclave was a successful one and had the presence of Senior Dignitaries from the Government and industry stakeholders. The conclave was well attended by more than 200 participants. The entire programme was very well covered in leading media houses.











Smt. Vandana Yadav, IAS, Principal Secretary of the Department of Industry, Commerce, and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, the Chief Guest, while Shri Rathendra Raman, IRTS, Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, the Guest of Honour addressed the Inaugural session of the 13th edition of the Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2024, in presence of Mr. Gautam Ray, President of BCC&I; Mr. Debashis Dutta, Chairperson of the Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Executive Director of Seahorse Ship Agencies Pvt. Ltd. on Friday, 15th March 2024, at the W M Hall, The Chamber premises













Session Chairperson Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal, President - International Business Division & Logistics, Century Plyboard (India) Limited conducted Technical Session I on "Focus Bengal - A Road Map For Development" of the 13th edition of the Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2024, in the presence of Shri. A. K. Mehera, Dy. Chairman, HDC, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port.; Mr. Shoumik Bose, Director, Ripley & Co. Stevedoring & Handling Private Limited; Mr. Aviral Jain, Director, Pristine Hindustan Infraprojects Pvt Ltd; Mr. Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, The PDP Group, on Friday, 15th March 2024, at the W M Hall, The Chamber premises











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13TH EDITION OF BCC&I GNIT TECHNOLOGY QUIZ

16th March 2024, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized 13th edition of its annual signature Technology Quiz - Inter-College Quiz Fest 2024, in association with Guru Nanak Institute of Technology of JIS Group, on 16th March 2024 at the campus of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (157/F, Nilgunj Road, Panihati, Sodepur, Kolkata, West Bengal 700114).

Quizzes are the best knowledge sharing and engagement platforms for youths. With this intent and endeavour, the Chamber had embarked on this initiative to reenergize youths (who are the future torch bearers of not only business, economy and society but also of the nation) about Quizzing.

Mr. Auritro Chowdhury was the Quiz Master.

Shri Partha Sarathi Dam, Joint Secretary, IT & E Department, Government of West Bengal was invited. Industry leaders, from large and MSME companies, and startup owners were also invited to give an exposure to the students.

Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Deputy General Manager (Business and

Operations), State Bank of India, Shri Sanjay Sinha, Assistant General Manager, Personal Banking Business Unit, LHO Kolkata, State Bank of India; Mr. Santosh Prasad, Partner & Service Line Lead; Hybrid Cloud Transformation, GIC, IBM Consulting; Mr. Partha Sengupta, Senior Vice President(I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited; Mr. Jayanta Kr. Saha, Founder and CEO, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd; Mr. Sourav Chakraborty, Co-Founder and CEO, SCONTO (Unicornfinity Technologies Pvt. Ltd.); Mr. Souriya Das, Co-Founder, Bongswag Apparel LLP.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group was present along with Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Gurunanak Institute of Technology and Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology.

256 students, in 128 teams, participated in the Quiz from various Colleges of West Bengal as well as the other States in Eastern India. Institutes like IIT Kharagpur, KIIT, IIM Calcutta, Techno India University, UEM Kolkata, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Greater Kolkata College Of Engineering &

16th March 2024, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus

Management, Meghnad Saha Institute of Technology, MAKAUT, NIT Jamshedpur, Heritage Institute of Technology among others.

The participants, who had made the cut for the final rounds were from:

- Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (3 teams were finalists)
- Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (2 teams were finalists)
- > Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata

The team from IIM Calcutta (Mr. Arnab Mandal and Mr. Piyush Kedia) was the Winner, followed by KIIT University Bhubaneswar (Mr. Rohan Jayanti and Mr. Anurag Samantaray)



Registration in progress



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry addressing all the quizzers and sharing a background of the Quiz

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as 1st Runner Up and IIT Kharagpur (Mr. Ayush Sharma and Mr. Shobhyam Chakravarty) as 2nd Runner Up.

The Winners were awarded with a prize money of 30,000 along with trophy and medal. The 1st Runners Up were awarded with a prize money of ₹ 20,000 along with trophy and medal, while the 2nd Runners Up had been awarded with the prize money of ₹ 10,000 along with trophy and medal.

The Chamber has successfully organized this Technology Quiz in the previous years from 2009 to 2024 in which for the past 6 editions it has associated with JIS Group. While the theme for the Quiz is 'Technology', the questions covered a wide spectrum of interest areas — with each question having a Technology angle but not necessarily oriented to technical issues/processes.



Lamp Lighting Ceremony - L- R: Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Gurunanak Institute of Technology; Mr. Jayanta Kr. Saha, Founder and CEO, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Prof (Dr) Santanu Kumar Sen, Principal, Saheed Anurup Chandra Mahavidyalaya State Aided College, Govt. of West Bengal (Affiliated to University of Calcutta) and Quiz Master Mr. Auritro Chowdhury



Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group addressing the quizzers, organizing team of the Quiz and other dignitaries

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Preliminary round in progress



Prize Distribution Ceremony (L to R): Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group; Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Deputy General Manager (Business and Operations), State Bank of India; Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Gurunanak Institute of Technology; Shri Partha Sarathi Dam, Joint Secretary, IT & E Department, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd &Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



The dignitaries - L-R: Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd; Mr. Partha Sengupta, Senior Vice President(I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited; Mr. Jayanta Kr. Saha, Founder and CEO, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt. Ltd; Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group; Shri Sanjay Sinha, Assistant General Manager, Personal Banking Business Unit, LHO Kolkata, State Bank of India; Shri Partha Sarathi Dam, Joint Secretary, IT & E Department, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Santosh Prasad, Partner & Service Line Lead; Hybrid Cloud Transformation, GIC, IBM Consulting



The winning teams (L to R) from IIT Kharagpur, IIM Kolkata & KIIT with the dignitaries





Final Round in progress



The 14th National Manufacturing Conclave and MSME Excellence Awards held at Taj Vivanta, Kolkata on March 16th, 2024, brought together esteemed speakers and industry leaders to explore avenues for transforming Bengal into India's global business hub.

Inaugural Session : Turning Bengal into India's Global Business Hub

Mr. Sanjay Behera, Chairperson, Manufacturing and MSME Committee, BCC&I; Chief Sales Manager – Tata Steel Ltd, initiated the session with a thought-provoking theme address. He emphasized the need for concerted efforts from all stakeholders to leverage Bengal's potential and position it as a global business destination.

Following this, Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I; President - Corporate, RPSG Group, extended a warm welcome to all attendees, highlighting the significance of the conclave in fostering collaboration and innovation.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, IRSME, Executive Director, QA (Mechanical) RDSO & Director (Production, Additional Charge) Braithwaite & Co. Ltd, shed light on the abundant opportunities available to MSMEs in the Indian Railways industry. He emphasized the importance of quality assurance and reliability in establishing long-term partnerships with railways.

Mr. Niraj Gupta, DGM & RM - ER, ECGC Limited, delved into the realm of export credit guarantee opportunities for Indian exporters, elucidating strategies to mitigate risks and capitalize on international trade avenues.

Mr. Gaurav Mathur, CEO, Filix Consulting Pvt Ltd, captivated the audience with insights into harnessing digital transformation. He emphasized the pivotal role of technology in enhancing operational efficiency and competitiveness in the global market.

Session : Capability Enhancement through Upskilling, System and Process Improvement

Moderated by Indranil Dutta, CEO, Datre Corporation, this session focused on enhancing capabilities through upskilling, system, and process improvement.

Dr. Sushma Verma, Addl Director – DQR&S (Directorate of Quality, Reliability & Safety), DRDO, elaborated on the significance of quality and reliability in driving innovation and sustainability.

Mr. Chittaranjan Maitra, Consultant, ZED Certification, provided insights into the process of obtaining ZED certification and its implications for MSMEs.

Representative from Tata Strive, Tata Community Initiatives Trust, shared success stories of skill development initiatives aimed at empowering youth and fostering entrepreneurship.

Prof Pradip Kumar Roy, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, IIT Kharagpur, highlighted the role of academia-industry collaboration in developing skilled manpower to meet industry demands.

Panel Discussion: New Trends, Challenges, and Changing Customers' Expectations in Construction and Building Materials

Moderated by Mr. Sanjay Behera, Chief Sales Manager, Tata Steel Ltd, this panel discussion explored emerging trends and challenges in the construction and building materials sector. Panelists engaged in a lively discussion on adapting to evolving customer expectations, sustainability concerns, and technological advancements.

Panelists

- Mr. Navarun Sen, President, Century Plyboards India Ltd.
- Mr. Biswajit Manasingh, Regional Head-Sales & Operation, UltraTech Cement
- Ms. Satabdi Mondal, Cluster B&I Head, Ambuja Cement Ltd, ACC Ltd.
- Mr. Sambuddha Biswas, Head of Construction, UAL Industries Ltd.

Session: Digital Automation through AI, Robotics, and Cloud-Computing for Productivity Enhancement

Moderated by Mr. P K Wilson Purty, Chief Marketing, Tata Steel Ltd, this session delved into the transformative potential of digital automation. Panelists discussed practical applications of AI, robotics, and cloud-computing in enhancing productivity and competitiveness.

Panelists:

- Mr. Prasun Nandy, Partner, PwC
- Mr. Gaurav Mathur, CEO, Filix Consulting Pvt Ltd

Session: Importance of Sustainability in Manufacturing Industry (Net Zero & CBAM)

Speakers emphasized the imperative of sustainability in the manufacturing industry. Ms. Adity Ganguly, Head Product Sustainability, Tata Steel Ltd, outlined strategies for achieving net-zero emissions and navigating the challenges of carbon border adjustment mechanisms.



Mr. Sanjay Behera, Chairperson, Manufacturing and MSME Committee, BCC&I; Chief Sales Manager – Tata Steel Ltd delivering the theme address



Mr. Gaurav Mathur, CEO, Filix Consulting Pvt Ltd speaking on Harnessing Digital Transformation

Mr. Soumya Pradhan and Mr. Ashok Zutshi, representatives from Meensou India Pvt. Ltd, shared their company's sustainability initiatives and highlighted the business case for integrating environmental considerations into manufacturing practices.

Award Ceremony

The award ceremony recognized over 20 MSMEs for their outstanding contributions to the sector. Max Paints was honored with the BCC&I - TATA TISCON - MSME Of The Year Award 2023-24 - Manufacturing. Additionally, Sconto (Unicornfinity Technologies Pvt Ltd), Ramaesis Rpl Perfect Pause, and Das Roto Print were declared winners of the BCC&I - Filix - MSME Of The Year Award 2023-24 - Service category.

The conclave concluded on a note of optimism, with attendees inspired to embrace innovation, collaboration, and sustainability in driving the growth of the manufacturing and MSME sector.



Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I; President- Corporate, RPSG Group delivering the welcome address



Mr. Niraj Gupta, DGM & RM - ER, ECGC Limited speaking on Export Credit Guarantee Opportunities for Indian Exporters







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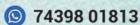
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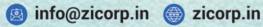
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Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, IRSME, Executive Director, QA (Mechanical) RDSO & Director (Production, Additional Charge) Braithwaite & Co. Ltd delivering his address



Audience a the Venue



(L-R) Mr. Chittaranjan Maitra, Consultant, ZED Certification; Dr Sushma Verma, Addl Director -DQR&S (Directorate of Quality, Reliability & Safety), DRDO – DQR&S (Directorate of Quality, Reliability & Safety), DRDO; Indranil Dutta, CEO, Datre Corporation; Representative from Tata Strive, Tata Community Initiatives Trust; Prof Pradip Kumar Roy, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, IIT Kharagpur



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(L-R) Ms. Adity Ganguly, Head Product Sustainability, Tata Steel Ltd.; Mr. Soumya Pradhan, CEO, Meensou India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Ashok Zutshi, Adviser & Board Member, Meensou India Pvt. Ltd



Mr. Ashok Zutshi, Adviser & Board Member, Meensou India Pvt. Ltd



(L-R) Mr. Gaurav Mathur, CEO, Filix Consulting Pvt Ltd; Mr. P K Wilson Purty, Chief Marketing, Tata Steel Ltd; Mr. Prasun Nandy, Partner, PwC



Mr. Sanjay Behera, Chairperson, Manufacturing and MSME Committee, BCC&I; Chief Sales Manager – Tata Steel Ltd and Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I; President- Corporate, RPSG Group presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Indrajit Sen, MD, International Combustion (India) Limited



Mr. Indrajit Sen, MD, International Combustion (India) Limited addressing the audience



One of the Award winners



MSME Excellence Award winners at the event

THE PEOPLE MANAGEMENT CONCLAVE - 6TH EDITION

The People Management National Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized 'The People Management Conclave - 6th Edition, Theme: Nation Building-The Human Resource Perspective' held on Saturday, 16th March 2024 from 2.00 pm onwards at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber Premises, Kolkata.

A brief about the Conclave:

Over the years, the conclave's goal was to comprehend and discuss nation-building initiatives with a variety of facets, as well as the part that human resources play in this process. It became clear as we navigated through the opportunities and challenges of the modern period investing and utilizing human capital is essential to achieve sustainable development, encouraging innovation, and ensuring our country has a prosperous future. The People Management Conclave has always provided a forum for thought leaders, HR experts, business executives, and innovators to gather and discuss the complex relationship between successful people management strategies and broader nation-building projects over the years.

Speakers at this event were:

- Mr. Vinay Ranjan, Chairperson, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director (Personnel & IR), Coal India Ltd.
- Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Mentor, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Whole Time Director, India Power Corporation Ltd.
- 3. Mr. Subir Verma, Executive Director & CHRO Power Group Companies, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group
- 4. Mr. Amitav Mukherji, Head- Corporate Human Resources, ITC Limited
- 5. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited
- Mr. Sunil Chaturvedi, Chairman and Managing Director,
 TIL Limited and Gainwell Commosales Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Vice President HR, CESC Limited
- 8. Mr. Adika Ratna Sekhar, Chairman and Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
- 9. Mr. Rupak Barua, Adviser, Manipal Health Enterprises
 Pvt. Ltd.

- 10. Dr. Roma Puri, Faculty OB & HRM, International Management Institute, Kolkata
- 11. Mr. Karan Lakhani, Chief Human Resources Officer, Tata Steel Downstream Products Ltd.
- 12. Mr. Ruchir Jhingran, Vice President & Head HR Personal Care Business, ITC Ltd.
- 13. Ms. Kinkini Das, Chief HRBP Commercial Function and Profit Centers, Tata Steel Ltd.
- 14. Ms. Malwika Chakraborty, Sr. Manager HR, TM International Logistics Ltd.
- 15. Mr. Shubha Ranjan Nandi, Director, PWC India
- 16. Mr. Sanjay Kar Chowdhury, Dy. General Manager- HR, CESC Ltd.
- 17. Mr. Jaidip Chatterjee, Co- Chairperson, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Human Resource Officer, SREI Group
- 18. Mr. Harish Agarwal, Managing Partner Kolkata and East, Ernst & Young LLP (EY)
- 19. Ms. Ahuti Swain, Director (Personnel) HR, Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

Eminent CEOs were of opinion that the success of any organization had always been driven by people, not strategy. As per research, the CHRO had been the most significant hire a CEO would make. People had really made a business successful, and the CEO's primary responsibility had set the enterprise's talent agenda. To effectively carry out the administrative, strategic, and tactical functions and responsibilities, the CEO must be a capable CHRO who would create a positive workplace culture.

It was also discussed that effective strategies like harnessing cutting-edge technology to establishing strong relationship had elevated organizations to unprecedented levels of participation and the same had been popular with customers, stakeholders, and communities.

The most discussed agenda in today's world is Artificial Intelligence (AI), which was also addressed in the conclave and it is seen that (HR) departments are changing in light of the swift progress in Artificial Intelligence era. There had been a constant discussion on the future requirement and usefulness of traditional HR tasks as automation, digitalization, and artificial intelligence (AI) had been on its way to transform workplaces.



Welcome Address by Mr. Vinay Ranjan, Chairperson, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director (Personnel & IR), Coal India Itd



Introductory Address by Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Mentor, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Whole Time Director, India Power Corporation Ltd



Special Address by Guest of Honor, Mr. Subir Verma, Executive Director & CHRO – Power Group Companies, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group



Keynote Address by Guest of Honor, Mr. Amitav Mukherji, Head-Corporate Human Resources, ITC Limited



Keynote Address by Guest of Honor, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited



Address by Chief Guest, Mr. Sunil Kumar Chaturvedi, FCA, IAS (Formerly), Chairman, Gainwell Group

THE PEOPLE MANAGEMENT CONCLAVE - 6TH EDITION



'Session on CEO: The first (C)HRO' moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Vice President - HR, CESC Limited. To his right was Mr. Rupak Barua, Adviser, Manipal Health Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. and to his left was Mr. Ranbheer Singh Dhariwal, Chief Executive Officer, Max Life Pension Fund Management. Mr. Adika Ratna Sekhar, Chairman and Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. joined online



A Paper Presentation by Dr. Roma Puri, Faculty – OB & HRM, International Management Institute, Kolkata



MOU signing between BCC&I and BIBS to support BIBS for HR and Industry delegations. On stage Prof. Aniruddha Banerjee, Vice Principal, Bengal Institute of Business Studies and Mr. Kumar Shivam, Director, BCC&I



'Session on Engagement Paradigm – Successful Practices and Challenges ahead' moderated by Mr. Karan Lakhani, Chief Human Resources Officer, Tata Steel Downstream Products Ltd. To his left were Ms. Kinkini Das, Chief HRBP Commercial Function and Profit Centers, Tata Steel Ltd and Mr. Shubha Ranjan Nandi, Director – Workforce Consulting, PWC India and to his right were Mr. Sanjay Kar Chowdhury, Dy. General Manager – HR, CESC Ltd, Ms. Malwika Chakraborty, Sr. Manager – HR & Training, TM International Logistics Ltd. and Mr. Ruchir Jhingran, Vice President & Head HR – Personal Care Business, ITC Ltd



A fire side chat on 'Will AI replace HR' Session on Engagement Paradigm — Successful Practices and Challenges ahead moderated by Mr. Jaidip Chatterjee, Co- Chairperson, People Management National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Human Resource Officer, SREI Group. To his right was Mr. Harish Agarwal, Managing Partner — Kolkata and East, Ernst & Young LLP (EY)



A section of audience



Closing Remarks by Ms. Ahuti Swain, Director (Personnel), Eastern Coalfields Limited



Emceeing by Ms. Sriya Chatterjee, Human Resources Business Partner, SREI Group

21st March 2024, Hotel Sinclairs, Siliguri 3RD EDITION OF "PROSPECTS FOR NORTH BENGAL – INVESTMENTS IN SUSTAINABILITY"



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry **organized the** 3rd Edition of "Prospects for North Bengal – Investments in Sustainability" **on** 21st March 2024 **at** Hotel Sinclairs, Siliguri.

The Chamber also organizes similar discussion forums on Sustainability in the Industrial Regions of Durgapur/ Asansol and Haldia annually focusing on Ecological Balance and Industrial Growth.

Regional Cooperation was the focus this year of the Seminar.

Shri Gautam Deb, Hon'ble Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation graced the Inaugural Session along with **Mr. Andalib Elias**, Deputy High Commissioner, People's Republic

of Bangladesh in Kolkata; **Mr. Eshor Raj Poudel,** Consul General of Nepal in Kolkata; **Mr. Sunil KC,** Vice President, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI) from Kathmandu and **Mr. Bhaskar Roy,** Vice President, Techno India Group.

Shri Gautam Deb emphasized on the need for enhancing the importance of Siliguri Junction Station and Siliguri Town Station. Land issues of the Bagdogra Airport have been sorted for expansion.

Mr. Andalib Elias stated that regional cooperation may go hand in hand with sustainable approaches. Sustainability is not only a phenomenon of the environment, it has to consider the three pillars of economy, environment and social aspect taking into account both present and future needs, especially relevant for developing nations.

Mr. Eshor Raj Poudel mentioned about importance of Siliguri in the supply chain stability of Nepal and Bangladesh being present at almost equidistant from points of borders with Bangladesh and Nepal. Panitanki is the most important export point for Nepal exporting items like tea, cardamom, plywood and others.

Mr. Sunil KC highlighted thatthe NIB corridor comprising Nepal, Eastern and Northeastern India and Bangladesh provides a market of over 400 million people and North Bengal is at the heart of it. "NIB opportunities may be fostered by harnessing innovation, infrastructure and sustainability.

The Inaugural Session was followed by a **Sectoral Session on Business Prospects for North Bengal**, chaired by **Mr. Bijoy Gopal Chakraborty**, President, Confederation of Indian Small Tea-Growers' Associations (CISTA). The other Panelists included:

- Mr. Sandeep Agarwal, CMD, Ruchi Agro
- Mr. Ajit Singh, AGM, NABARD
- Mr. Manab Paul, Proprietor, Sree Balaji
- Dr. Sanjib Sarkar, Facility Director, Neotia Getwel Multispecialty Hospital, Siliguri
- Ms. Ritu Kharayat, Deputy General Manager, SwitchON Foundation
- Mr. Jayanta Saha, Founder CEO & Director, Softthink Intelligent Solutions Pvt Ltd

The sectoral session featured:

- Scaling of Tea Business
- Opportunities on Food Processing Sector and Rural Tourism in North Bengal
- Opportunities of Investment in Lifestyle Housing
- Quality Healthcare in Regional Cooperation
- Opportunities in Agro and Food Processing in North Bengal
- Entrepreneurship horizon in digital era and potential opportunities in North Beng

There was enthusiastic participation from diverse sectors and the interactive session was very participative.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Welcome Address. L-R on the dais: Mr. Sunil KC, Vice President, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI); Mr. Andalib Elias, Deputy High Commissioner, People's Republic of Bangladesh in Kolkata; Shri Gautam Deb, Hon'ble Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation; Mr. Eshor Raj Poudel, Consul General of Nepal in Kolkata; Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President, Techno India Group



Shri Gautam Deb, Hon'ble Mayor, Siliguri Municipal Corporation gracing the session



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Distinguished participants

MARKETING QUIZ - WHAT'S YOUR MQ? 2024

22nd March 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises

TATA Steel in association with The Telegraph presented BCC&I What's your MQ?

Venue: Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber on 22nd March, 4:30 pm onwards with Quiz Masters Charanpreet Singh & Auritro Chowdhury.

- With 40 teams from corporates, cross corporates & management collages participated from all over West Bengal taking part in an engaging marketing and brand quiz. The quiz comprised of enthralling rounds with audio-visual questions with reference to the world of marketing and brand with quizmasters Charanpreet Singh and Auritro Chowdhury.
- After the prelims round with 40 teams. 6 teams qualified for the finals out of which one was a college team
- Top 6 teams are INMANIACS (Gautam Ghosh & Saransh Mahapatra), Hardy & Hardier (Francis Rodrigues & Souvik

Basu), Kotlar Da Fan Club (Samanway Banerjee & Piyush Kedia), Barclays-HCL (Rohan Khanna & Rabi Sankar Saha), Sorbomongola Sporting Club (Raktim Nag & Sreshth Shah), IIM Kolkata (Joka Market Place) (Arnab Mondal & Srijan Sur)

- Winner: Team Sorbomongola Sporting Club (Team Members Raktim Nag and Sreshth Shah) won prize money of Rs. 20,000 along with other gifts.
- 1st Runner Up Team Kotler Da Fan Club (Team Members Samanway Banerjee and Piyush Kedia) won prize money of Rs. 12,500 along with other gifts.
- 2nd Runner Up Team Barclays-HCL (Team Members Rohan Khanna and Rabi Sankar Saha) won prize money of Rs. 7,500 along with other gifts.



Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, The Marketing & Brand Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Preliminary Round



Quiz Master Charanpreet Singh



A packed house



Quiz Master Auritro Chowdhury



Audience Prize being handed over by Ms. Waindrilla Saha, Manager, BCC&I





Finalist Teams

MARKETING QUIZ - WHAT'S YOUR MQ? 2024



Audience Prize being handed over by Ms. Rajashree Mukherjee, Manager, BCC&I



Audience Prize being handed over by Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, BCC&I



The Quiz in full Swing



Audience Prize being handed over by Mr. Bikramjit Saha, Sr. Executive, BCC&I



2nd Runner Up - Team Barclays-HCL (Team Members Rohan Khanna and Rabi Sankar Saha)



1st Runner Up - Team Kotler Da Fan Club (Team Members Samanway Banerjee and Piyush Kedia)



Winner - Team Sorbomongola Sporting Club (Team Members Raktim Nag and Sreshth Shah)



Quiz Masters and the top three teams after the quiz



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director Emceeing the Quiz



Quiz Master Charanpreet Singh interacting with the audience

PCOMING PROGRAMME

Daylong event to discuss the power of Coaching for All, 4th April 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises

Seminar on GST & Income Tax - Risks & Rewards for Trade & Industry FY 2024-25, 25th April 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises

 4^{th} edition of Online Heritage Quiz, 25^{th} April 2024, Virtual Platform

E-waste Workshop with IIMM Kolkata, 26th April 2024, The Bengal chamber premises

B2B meetings with Taiwan Business Delegation, 9th May 2024, Taj Bengal Kolkata

RATNAGARBHA, 12th May 2024, The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata

15th Edition of Business IT Conclave 2024, 24th June 2024, Taj City Centre Kolkata

ASANSOL ENGINEERING COLLEGE



Celebration of National Science Day on 28th February 2024

Science Club of Asansol Engineering College celebrated National Science Day on 28th February.

Theme for the said program was "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat". The special guest for the said program was Dr. Kajal Gupta, Assistant Professor, Nistarini College, Purulia.

The Seminar broadened the scientific horizon of all the participants.



Career Development classes by Vivek Gupta on 1st March 2024:

Vivek Gupta, an ex-Googler and an absolute powerhouse in the world of competitive programming grazed Asansol Engineering College with his presence on 1st March 2024.

Vivek Gupta's accolades speak volumes – he's not only a 7*(Red) at Code Chef but also holds the prestigious title of International Master at Codeforces. He is also an ICPC 2020 Finalist. His amzing journey started from Google and is currently settled at founding Algozenit.



Voter's Awareness Program organized by NSS Unit supported by DM office on 1st March 2024

NSS unit Asansol Engineering College in collaboration with SVEEP Paschim Bardhaman had organised a Voter Awareness Programme on 1st March, 2024. This was an awareness program for the voter's of Asansol Engineering College. This was initiated by District Magistrate office, Asansol.





Achievement of Photography Club on 1st March 2024 (INDO-PAK PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST)

Bapi Kundu, AEC Photography Club Student Coordinator made AEC proud by winning the INDO-PAK PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST season-II on 2nd March, 2024.

The program started in December 2023. A total of 1302 entries were there in the contest.





Innovative Hardware Model making competition on 7th and 8th March Educational Initiatives 2024

An International Hardware Model making competition was organized by the Hardware Club of AEC on 7th and 8th March 2024 at Asansol Engineering College.

Total 235 teams from several different reputed schools and colleges participated in the event. Few teams from foreign countries also participated in the program thereby adding number of feathers of success to the event.

JIS PURASKAR -2024 (JIS SAMMAN) award ceremony on 11th March, 2024

JIS PURASKAR-2024 (An Institutional category under JIS SAMMAN 2024) award distribution ceremony was held on 11th March, 2024

at Vivekananda Seminar Hall, Asansol Engineering College. Faculty members along with students and staff of Asansol Engineering College were felicitated with different awards in different categories of JIS SAMMAN 2024 viz: Academics, Cultural, and Sports.









Online Technical Session organized by Robotics Club (11th-15th March 2024):

Online Technical Sessions on Networking & Ethical Hacking were delivered by Mr. Subham Bhattacharya, student of AIML 2nd year and Hardware teacher at Lalani Computer Academy which was organized by Robotics Club from 11th to 15th March 2024. A good number of students attended the sessions with high enthusiasm.



Quizzeclair 2024 organized by Dept of Management Studies on 12th March 2024

Department of Management Studies, Asansol Engineering College had organized Quizzéclair 2024 ft. Multiverse Edition on 12th March, 2024 at Tagore Seminar Hall, AEC

A Total of 33 Team had participated from various Departments of AEC, out of which 12 Teams had been qualified for the Final.

Winner: Team Zanpakto, BBA 3rd year

1st Runner Up: Team Andrew Tate, BBA 2nd year 2nd Runner Up: Team Four Jokers, B.Tech (IoT) 2nd year



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT



1. 19.02.2024: ASG eye check up in GNIHM campus:

GNIHM organized an eye care camp in collaboration with ASG Eye Care Hospitals! We're proud to provide our students with top-notch facilities, including computerized eye testing, vision checks, subjective refraction, retinos copy, and counseling. A big thank you to ASG Eye Care Hospitals for their support in prioritizing the eye health of our students. Together, we're committed to ensuring the well-being of our community.







2. 27.02.2024 : Masterclass with Master Chef Ajay Chopra on culinary :

GNIHM proudly welcomes the esteemed culinary maestro, Master Chef Ajay Chopra, to our institution! Get ready for an unparalleled gastronomic journey

as Chef Ajay Chopra brings his years of expertise and passion to our kitchen. With his renowned palate and innovative techniques, Chef

Ajay Chopra will inspire and ignite your passion for the culinary arts like never before. Stay tuned for an unforgettable culinary





adventure at GNIHM with Master Chef Ajay Chopra.

3. 01.03.2024 : Annual Food Festival AMALGAM : The Food Fiesta:

At "AMALGAM-THE FOOD FIESTA 2024" organized by GNIHM, we honored and awarded the students who showcased their skills in the Fireless Cooking Competition, Extempore Competition, and Quiz Competition. Our Principal Prof. Dr. Pralay Ganguly, Vice Principal Mr. Jayanta Ghosh, and our Advisor Sir Prof. Xavier Gomes felicitated the remarkable winners who secured the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions. It's a testament to their dedication, creativity, and passion for the culinary arts. Congratulations to all the winners.

GNIHM is known for its academic richness and R&D activities where

students and faculty members are equally contributing to the hospitality industry and society.

During Amalgam - The Food Fiesta, GNIHM launched 3 books in the presence of rich academic personnel, Master Chef Kunal Kapur and foreign university delegates.

Books - The recipe book was edited by our Vice Principal Jayanto Ghosh, Chef Avijit Ray, Chef Biswajit Biswas, and Assistant Professor-Kaustav Dutta. Textbook on leisure, recreation, and events in hospitality and tourism by our Principal- Prof. Dr. Pralay Ganguly.























4. 12.03.2024 : Opening Ceremony of World Food Competition 2024:

On 12th March, 2023 Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management inaugurated the 8th World Food Competition. It was a culinary event to celebrate food from all around the world with participants of different countries to display their skills and creativity. While the winners will receive accolades and prestige, there will be many other benefits of participating in this Mega event which will help

GNIHM organizes this every year with the aim to discover new culinary talents from the participating schools.

students build confidence, self discipline and even team humility.

Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management under JIS Group inaugurated the 8th World Food Competition and welcomed all the participants at their campus on 12th March 2024. This competition will include many international judges including MasterChef Sanjeev Kapoor, Kunal Kapur and Ajay Chopra.

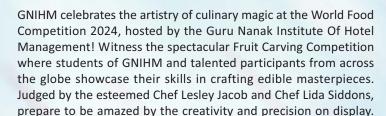
The inaugural event witnessed participants from different countries like Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, Russia, Egypt. Mauritius, Switzerland and many more receive a grand welcome and it was absolutely exciting to have the Students, Participants and



Competition 2024:









Mentors participate in a rally from BT Road to College Campus.

A one-of-a-kind and thrilling culinary competition, the World Food Competition at Guru Nanak College of Hotel Management honors the diversity and variety of international foods and offers a platform

After the lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal Dr. Pralay Ganguly,

The Vice Principal Mr. Jayanta Ghosh and the Advisor of GNIHM Mr. Xavier Gomes participants were welcomed on stage with their respective mentors followed by graceful dance performance by the students of GNIHM.

for culinary greatness.





















6. 13.03.2024 : Mixocom Competition of World Food Competition 2024 :

Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management organized MixoCom on 13th March in the WFC 2024 which witnessed huge participation from participants from all across the world.

Mixology can be defined as the art and study of preparing, inventing

and serving mixed drinks, the so-called cocktails; the in-depth study of the craft of mixing drinks.

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Mixology included knowledge of basic ingredients, adding specific

garnishes and tools. It requires time and dedication to master the

Hotel Management! Students from GNIHM and talented participants

from around the globe showcased their creativity and skills as they

art and tools of Mixology. It usually takes several years to become a true professional in Mixology.







7. 13.03.2024 : Cake Icing Competition of World Food Competition 2024 :

Relive the sweet moments from the Cake Icing Competition at the World Food Competition 2024, hosted by Guru Nanak Institute Of





meticulously crafted stunning cakes. From intricate designs to mouthwatering flavors, here is a glimpse of their cake-making process.

WORLD FOOD COMPETITION





8. 14.03.2024: Closing Ceremony of World Food Competition 2024:

Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management organized the Closing and Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Mega Event the 8th World Food Competition on 14th March. The Winners were announced for the categories of Best Chef, Best Cake Icing, Best Fruit Carving and Best Mixology along with 2nd and 1st Runner Up.







The thrilling and delicious three day adventure of the 8th World

Food Competition concluded with the participation of talented participants from all across the globe. The concluding event

showcased the skills of distinguished judges and well known chefs

including Padmashree Sanjeev Kapoor, Kunal Kapur, Ajay Chopra,

Parvinder Singh Bali and many other renowned International Judges.

9. 14.03.2024 : Culinary Competition of WFC 2024 :

Relive the magic of culinary creativity at the World Food Competition 2024, hosted by Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management! From tantalizing aromas to breathtaking presentations, students of GNIHM and talented participants from across the globe showcased their prowess in the "World Chef Competition". The competition was a celebration of flavors, innovation, and skill.























10. 15.03.2024: Master class of Chef Kunal Kapoor on culinary arts:

GNIHM hosted an exclusive Master Class featuring the one and only Chef Kunal Kapur! Set in our cutting-edge industry-level fire-less kitchen, the first of its kind among Indian hotel schools, this event was a culinary dream come true. From innovative techniques to insider tips, Chef Kunal shared his expertise, inspiring the next generation of chefs.







leaders with excellence and innovation.

Experience innovation like never before with our state-of-the-art Fireless advanced kitchen setup—the FIRST of its kind in India! Say

goodbye to traditional cooking hazards as we embrace cutting-edge

technology, offering students a safe, modern, and industry-ready

culinary environment. From advanced utilities to unmatched practical

experiences, GNIHM is committed to shaping tomorrow's culinary



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. Seminar: "Employability Skills Set for Roles in The Renewable Energy Sector" @EE @GNIT

The Department of Electrical Engineering organized a seminar titled "Employability Skills Set for Roles in The Renewable Energy Sector". Mr. Sagnik Choudhury, an esteemed alumnus of the department and Principal Electrical Engineer at AECOM, facilitated the seminar. With a rich background in Siemens, GE, and IDOM, Mr. Choudhury shared his technical expertise in the rapidly evolving renewable energy sector. The interactive session featured discussions on practical case studies, providing students with insights into real-world examples and measures taken by engineers. Mr. Choudhury addressed queries and highlighted job opportunities in the design field, urging students to enhance their knowledge of industry-specific software like E-TAP, PVSyst, and Digi Silent. Over 45 students attended, actively engaging in discussions about solar photovoltaic systems, regulatory challenges, and successful strategies. The program, successfully coordinated by faculty members Ms. Rikta Majumder,

Ms. Subhra Sen, and others, concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. Barnali Kundu, the Head of the Electrical Engineering Department. The seminar provided valuable exposure, encouraging creative and analytical thinking among students for future careers in renewable energy.









2. GNIT Students' Participation @ECE @International Kolkata Book

On January 24, 2024, second-year students from the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) department at GNIT showcased their innovative project at the International Kolkata Book Fair.



Guided by Dr. Nabaneeta Banerjee, Assistant Professor in ECE, GNIT, the students participated in the model display event in the Electronics & Instrumentation category. Their project, titled "RC UAV Autonomous Multi-featurable Survey Drone," demonstrated advanced capabilities in unmanned aerial vehicles.

The event took place at the JIS stall, drawing an audience of over 40 students from various departments at GNIT. Notably, the occasion coincided with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between JIS University (JISU) and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) at the SBI Auditorium within the Kolkata Book Fair premises.











3. Seminar: "Recent Web Development with React" @IT @IIC @GNIT

The Department of IT@GNIT, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council, organized a seminar on "Recent Web Development with React" on 2nd February, 2024.

The event saw active participation from more than 80 students of the IT department. Ms. Suparna Karmakar, HOD(IT), inaugurated the program at 03:00 p.m. The keynote speaker, Mr. Suvajit Santra, Senior Trainer of Ardent Computech Pvt Ltd, Kolkata, delved into the basics of web development, focusing on the concept of Redux and its practical implementation in projects.





The seminar, titled "Using React for Websites," aimed to equip students with knowledge on website development using React, emphasizing its popularity and efficiency. Attendees gained insights into React's modular approach, likened to Lego blocks facilitating easy and quick website construction. Topics covered included dynamic content updates without page reloads and the integration of tools enhancing React's capabilities for improved aesthetics and functionality.

The seminar left students excited and confident, having acquired valuable skills in React-based web development, making it a successful and enriching event.





4. Techverse 2.0 @Annual Technical Fest @CSE @GNIT

Techverse 2.0, the much-awaited annual technical fest of Department of Computer Science and Engineering and B.Sc Department@GNIT took place with great fervor and enthusiasm at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology. The two-day event during 8th-9th February, 2024 showcased a plethora of technical competitions, exhibitions, and engaging activities that attracted participants from various institutes.

The inauguration ceremony marked the beginning of Techverse 2.0 with the lighting of the lamp by esteemed guests including Dr Swarup Kr. Mitra, Principal, Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar, HoDs, and faculty members. Mr. Ashim Kumar Chatterjee graced the occasion with an auspicious 'Struti Ucharan.' Inspiring speeches emphasizing

the significance of such events were delivered by the Principal, the Registrar, and by the HoDs.

Several competitions including Poster Exhibition, Model Display, Craftopia, and Freeze the Frame concluded with the judgment rounds. The day was also marked by impromptu on-spot games and lively photo sessions involving both students and teachers.

The second day of Techverse 2.0 witnessed the culmination of the remaining events, along with more impromptu on-spot games and photo sessions. The highlight of the day was the grand award-giving ceremony where winners and runners-up were honored with trophies, medals, and cash prizes, acknowledging their outstanding performances.

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Approximately 700 participants contributed to the success of Techverse 2.0, making it a grand celebration of technology and innovation.

Techverse 2.0 was indeed a remarkable blend of talent, creativity,

and technical prowess, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their skills,

Educational Initiatives learn from each other, and foster a spirit of healthy competition within the technical community.













5. Industriy Visit @1MWp Canal top Solar Power Plant @EE @GNIT

The Department of Electrical Engineering@ GNIT in association with Agni Green Power Ltd. organized a One Day Industrial Visit on 9th February, 2024 to 1MWp Canal top Solar Power Plant in Newtown, Kolkata for the students of the department.

The expert speaker was Mr. Saswata Ghosh, Project Manager, Agni Green Power Ltd.

The main objective of the visit was to explore and understand practical, economically feasible, scalable and sustainable energy access models.





The participants had first-hand experience of the technology, business model, end application, operations and maintenance and the ground issues of the plant along with the concept of building structure over the Canal, especially meant for Solar Plant.

All the 40 students visited each section of the power plant- Solar panel, Inverter unit, remote monitoring system and grid connection. They gained understanding of the concept of Solar energy, working of photovoltaic cells, working of Solar panel, conversion of DC to AC by using Inverter unit, Grid Islanding condition, step up of voltage by transformer unit and distribution of energy by grid connection.

The visit was coordinated by Mr. Susovan Dutta, Mr. Amit Debnath and Ms. Subhra Sen of the Electrical Engineering Department.





6. Awareness Rally: International Mother Language Day @ASHU @GNIT

On February 21, 2024, the Department of Applied Science and Humanities @GNIT orchestrated a dynamic awareness rally around the college premises to champion two vital causes: Walk for Book and Matribhashar Madhyame Shikshadan. Aligned with the ethos of International Mother Language Day, the event aimed to raise awareness about literacy promotion and the preservation of linguistic diversity.

The rally, encompassing a vibrant procession around the college, saw active participation from numerous faculty members and students. Banners and placards adorned with poignant messages advocating for education and linguistic heritage were prominently displayed, creating an impactful visual statement.

International Mother Language Day holds immense significance as it commemorates linguistic diversity and promotes the use of mother languages to preserve cultural identity. It serves as a reminder of the importance of linguistic rights, fostering inclusivity, and recognizing the role of languages in shaping societies.

The rally not only celebrated this global observance but also highlighted the department's dedication to social causes and community engagement.







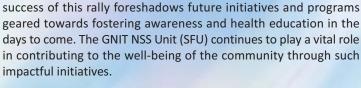




7. Cancer Awareness Rally @NSS Unit(SFU) @GNIT

On February 22, 2024, the GNIT NSS Unit (SFU) organized a significant event in the form of a program and mass student rally to raise awareness about cancer. The initiative took place in and around the GNIT campus premises at Sodepur, where approximately 100 student volunteers actively participated. Carrying impactful posters adorned with cancer awareness slogans, the students ventured beyond the institute's confines, marching through neighboring areas to disseminate crucial information. The rally aimed to reach a wider audience, extending its impact by distributing informative pamphlets to local residents. The spirited engagement of the student volunteers emphasized the importance of cancer awareness within the community.

This event is part of GNIT NSS Unit's ongoing commitment to promoting cancer awareness as a form of community service. The













8. Webinar: 'Navigating Higher Degrees & Scholarships at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand' @CSE @EE @GNIT

The Department of Computer Science & Engineering and Electrical Engineering @GNIT collaboratively organized a one-day webinar on 'Navigating Higher Degrees & Scholarships at Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Thailand' on 22nd February 2024. The distinguished speaker for the event was Dr. Jai Govind Singh from AIT.

The targeted audience comprised students from the 3rd and 4th year of B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and Electrical Engineering (EE). Dr. Singh delved into the crucial aspects of career guidance, emphasizing the application of higher degrees and

scholarships available at AIT. The insightful session aimed to provide students with valuable information to navigate their academic and professional journeys successfully.

The event received an overwhelmingly positive response from the participating students, who actively engaged in the discussion and queries. The core team behind the successful organization of the webinar included Dr. Debasree Saha (EE) and Dr. Mahamuda Sultana (CSE) as coordinators, along with the support of Dr. Suman Bhattacharya, HOD(CSE), and Dr. Barnali Kundu, HOD(EE). The collaborative effort showcased the commitment of the department in facilitating academic and career development opportunities for its students.







9. Industry Exposure Visit: Frito-Lay Facility @FT @GNIT

Department of Food Technology @ GNIT organized an Industry Exposure Visit to Frito-Lay facility located at Dhulagarh industrial park during 22nd -23rd February 2024, for the 2nd and 3rd year students of the department.

The recent industry visit organized as part of the academic curriculum was a remarkable and insightful experience for students, shedding light on the intricacies of the snack food industry. Frito-Lay, a powerhouse in this sector and a subsidiary of PepsiCo, graciously hosted the students and faculty, offering a glimpse into its rich history, mission, and commitment to sustainability.

The visit commenced with a warm welcome from the Frito-Lay staff, who provided a comprehensive overview of the company's operations. Students were introduced to the raw materials integral to the manufacturing process, emphasizing Frito-Lay's dedication to sourcing high-quality ingredients. The guided tour delved into the multifaceted production processes that result in the creation of renowned brands like Lay's, Kurkure, Doritos, and Cheetos.

The various stages of manufacturing were meticulously showcased, from the initial preparation of raw materials to the final

preparation of raw materials to the final Educational Initiatives packaging of the products. Advanced machinery and technology were on display, showcasing Frito-Lay's commitment to efficiency and stringent quality control. Students gained insight into the company's rigorous testing procedures, ensuring the consistency, flavor, and texture of their snacks.

The visit not only provided a practical understanding of the snack food industry but also highlighted Frito-Lay's unwavering commitment to maintaining high-quality standards at every stage. The firsthand experience served as a valuable complement to the theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom, offering a holistic perspective on the industry. To express gratitude, Prof. (Dr.) Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Head of the Food Technology Department, and faculty members felicitated the PepsiCo (Frito-Lay) team with a memento. Mr. Amit Barman, Teaching Assistant in the Food Technology Department, played a pivotal role in initiating and coordinating the enriching industry visit.







10. GNIT - MoU Signing Ceremony with National Entrepreneurship Network @Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, GNIT signed MoU with National Entrepreneurship Network, an Indian Trust with registered office at 6th Floor, Bhive Premium, 48, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001, Karnataka in presence of Mr. Subhabrata Bhattacharjee, Senior Program Manager, Wadhwani Foundation, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, Dr. Sunipa Roy, Associate Professor and H.O.D., ECE, GNIT; Dr. Surajit Basak, Dr. Avali Banerjee, Associate Professors, ECE, GNIT.

The Foundation's main objectives are entrepreneurship development,

to build and enhance the entrepreneurship ecosystem and for skilling through various modes of workshops, training etc. Wadhwani Operation Foundation (WOF) has procured and/or developed world class curricula, content and methodology for its objectives (hereinafter referred to as "Wadhwani Curricula, Content and Methodology").

The MoU was signed on 23rd February 2024 as per the policy of the institute to collaborate with Wadhwani Foundation to take the class of Intellectual Property Right (MC601) for 3rd Year, 6th Semester ECE students.

It will provide opportunities to students in education, research and development in the field of entrepreneurship development.







11. GNIT - Euphoria GenX @ MoU Signing Ceremony @ Department of Information Technology @IIPC

On 27th February 2024, the Department of Information Technology @GNIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Euphoria Genx, Kolkata, West Bengal, through the Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC). This collaboration is in line with the institute's commitment to fostering partnerships with industry players to enrich knowledge, advance research activities, and enhance professional skills, particularly in the dynamic realm of Information Technology.

The MoU facilitates valuable opportunities for students, including Live Projects and Internships under the guidance of professionals from Euphoria Genx. Additionally, students can embark on Productive Project Works in collaboration with faculty members, further enriching their academic experience.



The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Suvankar Mondal (Training Coordinator) and Mr. Sourav Ghosh (Head Counselor), representing Euphoria Genx. Ms. Suparna Karmakar, Head of the Department (HOD) of Information Technology, along with faculty members, including Mr. Tridib Chakraborty, Mr. Sudeep Ghosh, Mr. Chowdhury Md Mizan, Mrs. Trishita Ghosh, and Ms. Suparna Karmakar (Assistant Professors), actively participated in the event, signifying the collective commitment to fostering industry-academia collaboration. This initiative aims to prepare students for the challenges of the Information Technology landscape while promoting a symbiotic relationship between academia and industry.







12. Seminar on Hospital and Health Systems @BHM @GNIT

Department of Hospital Management@ GNIT organized a seminar entitled "Seminar on Hospital and Health Systems" on 28th February, 2024.

The event, hosted online, aimed to provide valuable insights into the healthcare industry, particularly focusing on hospitals and health systems.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Debattri Das, Assistant Professor of the BHM department, setting the tone for the informative session. The resource person, Mr. Rajiv Ghosh, an Assistant Professor at ABS Academy of Science, Technology & Management, Durgapur, took center stage to share his extensive knowledge and experiences in the hospital sector.

Mr. Ghosh captivated the audience by discussing the fundamental

concepts of the healthcare industry. He delved into the various scopes within the sector, emphasizing the critical role of hospital information systems and their applications. Sharing his



workings of the hospital sector, including current job openings and the intricacies of the admission process.

The session also covered the functions of the Third Party Administration (TPA) department, shedding light on an essential aspect of healthcare management. Mr. Ghosh's presentation was not only informative but also inspiring and innovative, encouraging active participation from the 54 students in attendance.

Throughout the event, participants engaged in interactive discussions, seeking clarifications and expressing their enthusiasm for the subject matter. The online platform facilitated a smooth flow of information, ensuring that the seminar achieved its goal of enlightening students about the dynamic and evolving field of healthcare.

The Seminar on Hospital and Health Systems was a remarkable initiative organized by Ms. Debattri Das and Ms. Debashruti Ganguly. It proved to be a valuable learning experience, connecting students with industry insights and fostering a deeper understanding of the diverse opportunities within the healthcare sector.





13. Industry Visit @S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Science @National Science Day Celebration @ASHU @GNIT

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities @ GNIT organized an Industry Visit to S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Science (SNBNCS), Salt Lake, on 28th February 2024, for the 1st year Students of B.Tech as a part of National Science Day Celebration. The recent industry visit organized as part of the academic curriculum proved to be an outstanding and enlightening experience for the students, offering invaluable insights into various scientific instruments such as SEM, TEM, XRD, VSM, and more. SNBNCS, the host institution, graciously welcomed and hosted the students and

faculty, unveiling its rich history, mission of producing materials for industry use, and dedication to sustainability.

The visit commenced with a warm welcome from SNBNCS staff, providing a comprehensive overview of the institute's operations. Two enlightening lectures on fundamental instruments like the Kibble balance were delivered, offering students a







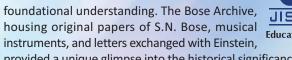


The Department of Applied Science and Humnaities@ GNIT, in collaboration with the Space Club, GNIT-Mahakash, organized a Seminar titled "Concepts in Astronomy" on February 29, 2024. The event was part of the National Science Day celebration, showcasing the commitment of GNIT to promoting scientific knowledge and curiosity among its students.

The seminar commenced with the ceremonial lamp lighting ceremony by Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, the Principal of GNIT, along with the Head of the Department, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti, and other esteemed faculty members. The speaker for the day was Dr. Debiprosad Duari, Former Director of Research & Academics at M.P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, Kolkata. Dr. Duari's engaging presentation delved into the mysteries of the universe, providing the audience with profound insights into the birth and demise of stars, the intricacies of our solar system, and the enigmatic planets like Saturn and Jupiter. The talk stirred curiosity among the attendees about the origins of life on Earth and the possibility of life existing in other planets or solar systems.







provided a unique glimpse into the historical significance of scientific contributions.

The post-lunch session involved laboratory visits and a quiz competition, engaging students from various colleges. This interactive experience deepened students' appreciation for the depth of science and its crucial role in technological advancement.

The visit not only enhanced the students' practical understanding of diverse scientific disciplines but also emphasized the institute's commitment to maintaining high-quality standards throughout the industry. This firsthand experience served as a valuable complement to the theoretical knowledge acquired in the classroom, providing a holistic perspective on the industry.

Dr. Soma Mukherjee, Associate Professor of the department efficiently coordinated the entire event, with the presence of HoD, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti and other faculty members, ensuring the success of this educational and insightful journey.





One of the highlights of Dr. Duari's presentation was his discussion on India's space achievements. He highlighted ISRO's successful mission of landing on the Moon's southern hemisphere for the first time, showcasing India's advancements in space exploration. Additionally, he emphasized the triumph of the ADITYA solar mission, positioning India alongside NASA in space exploration endeavors.

The impact of the seminar extended beyond the lecture hall, as Dr. Duari's inspiring words motivated an increased number of students to join the institute's Space Club, GNIT-Mahakash. The coordination of the event was skillfully managed by Dr. Soma Mukherjee, Associate Professor of the department. Dr. Indrajit Bose, Assistant Professor of the department, delivered the Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to Dr. Duari and all attendees for their participation.









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15. GNIT - MoU Signing Ceremony with Euphoria GenX @ **Department of Electronics & Computer Science**

The Department of Electronics and Computer Science @GNIT signed a MoU with Euphoria GenX , Kolkata in the presence of Sourav Ghosh, Sr. Manager (Education & Training) Euphoria GenX, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, Ms. Bapita Roy, HoD, ECS, GNIT, Ms. Suparna Maity, Asst. Prof., ECS, Ms. Nabamita Paul, JTA, ECS, GNIT and Mr. Mrinmoy Dutta, JTA, ECS, GNIT.

Euphoria GenX is ISO 9001-2015 Certified ITES Organization, situated at Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Euphoria GenX Technically Collaborated with Techno Exponent, which is a reputed software development company situated in Sector 5 Salt Lake. Euphoria GenX takes pride in offering hands-on exposure to LIVE Projects and job-oriented skill development training, catering to both freshers and professionals

in diverse fields such as Mobility Development, Web Application Development (WORDPRESS, PHP, LARAVEL, MERN, FRONTEND DEVELOPER, NODEJS), Web Server Administration, Systems Integration, Data Analysis, Cloud Computing, AI, and IoT.

The MOU was signed on 1st March 2024 as per the policy of the institute to collaborate with industry to enhance knowledge, research activities and professional skills towards the modern technologies and recent trends in the field of Web Development Application.

It will provide the opportunities to the students for Live Projects / Internships with guidance. The students are also allowed to carry out Research & Development Work and job-oriented skill development training, catering with the faculty members in collaboration with Euphoria GenX, Kolkata.

intricacies of technological tools, particularly emphasizing Zoho Corporation's web-based business tools and computer software. Zoho, a renowned Indian multinational technology company founded

in 1996 by Sridhar Vembu, has played a pivotal role in shaping the

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology proudly hosted Mr. Aayush

Kejriwal, providing students with a unique opportunity to gain insights from an industry expert. The workshop not only enhanced

participants' understanding of cutting-edge technologies like Zoho

but also inspired them to embark on entrepreneurial journeys. Such

initiatives contribute significantly to the development of skilled and

innovative leaders, aligning with the institute's commitment to







landscape of modern business solutions.



16. Business Skill Workshop @GNIT

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology recently organized a dynamic Business Skill Workshop, on March 4, 2024, featuring a session conducted by Mr. Aayush Kejriwal, the esteemed founder of Duratuf and Zoho expert, as part of the Young India initiative. The workshop aimed to provide a platform for the next generation of Indian changemakers, aligning with Yi's commitment to fortify the country's future.

Young India, an initiative dedicated to empowering youth, focuses on strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem among young minds. The program aims to foster youth-led change, encouraging innovation and leadership skills that are crucial for shaping the nation's future. During the workshop, Mr. Kejriwal delved into the









17. GNIT - MoU Signing Ceremony with Globsyn Technology Ltd @ Department of Information Technology @Industry Institute Partnership Cell

On 5th March 2024, the Department of Information Technology @GNIT signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Globsyn Technology Ltd, Kolkata, West Bengal, through the Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC). This collaboration is in line with the institute's commitment to fostering partnerships with industry players to enrich

knowledge, advance research activities, and enhance professional skills, particularly in the dynamic realm of Information Technology.

The MoU facilitates valuable opportunities for students, including Live Projects and Internships under the guidance of professionals from Globsyn Technology Ltd. Additionally, students can embark on Productive Project Works in collaboration with faculty members, further enriching their academic experience.

The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Soumyajit Paul, Manager, Globsyn Technology Ltd., representing Globsyn Technology Ltd. Ms. Suparna Karmakar, Head of the Department of Information Technology, along with faculty members, including Mr. Tridib Chakraborty, Mr. Sudeep Ghosh, Mr. Chowdhury Md. Mizan, Mrs. Trishita Ghosh, and Ms. Suparna Karmakar (Assistant Professors), actively participated in the event, signifying the collective commitment to fostering industry-academia collaboration. This initiative aims to prepare students for the challenges of the Information Technology landscape while promoting a symbiotic relationship between academia and industry.







18. Industrial Visit: Saraswaty Press @ECE @GNIT

On March 5th, 2024, the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering@GNIT organized a transformative industrial visit for diploma students specializing in Electronics and Telecommunication Communication Engineering (ETCE). The destination was Saraswaty Press in Kolkata, where 20 students from the 2nd and 3rd years had the unique opportunity to explore the intricacies of the printing industry.

Two experts from Saraswaty Press showcased their cutting-edge equipment, providing detailed demonstrations that allowed the students to delve into the technical aspects. Impressively, the students were granted access to various sections of the press, gaining firsthand knowledge about machines such as Cityline Express (single

and double tower), CTP, Exposure and Developer, Rubber Roller, among others.

The experts shared comprehensive insights into the entire book printing process, offering valuable information to the inquisitive students. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Nabaneeta Banerjee, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of DETC, and Mrs. Soma Boral, Assistant Professor in the Electronics and Communication Engineering department. As a token of recognition for their participation, each student received certificates and industry identity cards, enhancing their practical understanding of the field. This industrial visit served as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications, enriching the educational experience of the ETCE students.







19. International Women's Day Celebration @Women's Cell @GNIT

The Women's Cell @ GNIT celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March 2024.

The program started with the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, Prof Dr Sucharita Bhattacharya, Convener, Women's Cell; and by other dignitaries, followed by the inaugural song by Ms. Bapita Roy, Head of the Department, ECS.

Prof.(Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra welcomed the gathering in his Welcome Speech; Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar, GNIT, and Prof. (Dr.) Sucharita Bhattacharya motivated the audience with their inspiring thoughts.

The Chief Guest, Smt. Anasuya Chakraborty, Officer-in-Charge Community Polishing Wing and Social Media Monitoring Cell, Barrackpore Police Commissionerate was felicitated by Prof. (Dr.)

Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT. Dr. Bhaswati Das, Gynaecologist, Ruby General Hospital was felicitated by Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar, GNIT and Ms. Shaleen Das, Brand Ambassador for Youth for Human Rights International Washington DC GOHR Florida, Country Director of India Youth Empowerment was felicitated by Prof. (Dr.) Sucharita Bhattacharya, Convenor of Women Cell .

Sarbajaya Version 4, Women's Cell News Letter was published by the distinguished guests, Principal, and all members of the Women's Cell.

The result of the Poster competition on the theme of International Women's Day 2024, 'Invest in women: Accelerate progress' was declared by Dr Sreyasree Basu, Assistant Professor, ASHU, and by Dr. Aveli Ghosh, Associate Professor, ECE, Women's Cell member, GNIT. The winner of SARBAJAYA's cover page design competition, Kankan Biswas, BHM, and Runner Up, Sanya Roy, ECE of B.Tech. 1st year, were awarded with mementos. The winner of the competition, Ritika Kar CSE, and Runner Up, Sneha Saha, IT of B.Tech. 1st year,

were awarded with mementos; followed by a cultural programme by the Faculty, Staff and students.

A discussion on crimes against women in the modern day was explored. Crimes like rape, domestic violence, kidnapping, molestation, acid attack, torture, sexual harassment which are experienced by women and men alike, were addressed. The participants gained crucial insight into cervical cancer as a preventable disease. Emphasizing the significance of timely treatment, the campaign highlighted the availability of the HPV vaccine for females.

By fostering awareness and promoting proactive measures, such initiatives strive to empower individuals with the knowledge needed to

combat cervical cancer and safeguard their health through preventive measures.

The event concluded with the appreciation of all women employees for their valued contribution and dedication; and by the Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Bapita Roy, Head of the Department, ECS, on behalf of the Women's Cell @ GNIT.

























20. "International Innovative Hardware Model Making Competition 2024" @ECE @GNIT

On March 8, 2024, the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at GNIT showcased remarkable talent and innovation at the "International Innovative Hardware Model Making Competition 2024" held at Asansol Engineering College Campus. Eight teams comprising approximately 35 students from the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year participated in the event organized by AEC Hardware Club, powered by Idea-O-Meter and presented by Eastern Coalfields Limited. GNIT earned the prestigious First Runners up award for having the maximum participation from the Department of ECE. The teams, named Fly Rider, Ultra Sapiens, Farming Stuff, Eductronics, Tech Titans, The Uncalled Four, The Unstoppable, and A Eagle, exhibited exceptional creativity in their projects developed under the guidance of the department's faculty members. Throughout the event's two sessions, GNIT teams showcased their ingenuity and competitiveness.





The competition attracted a total of 285 teams from 41 universities, colleges, and schools worldwide, with 28 teams participating online from countries including the USA, New Zealand, Sweden, and Mauritius. GNIT's Fly Rider team was selected for a Facebook live session on Asansol Engineering College's Facebook page, adding to the university's visibility and recognition. Chandrima Banerjee, a 4th-year student from the ECE department, secured the First prize in the instant Rapid Fire Quiz round, further highlighting GNIT's excellence in both technical and cognitive aspects of the competition. Distinguished guests, including Prof. Dr. Pankaj Ray, Director of BIT, Sindri, Shri Niladri Roy, Director (Technical) Operations, ECL, and Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director of the JIS Group, graced the event, underscoring its significance and grandeur. All student participants were awarded certificates and medals, acknowledging their efforts and contributions to the success of the event. GNIT's outstanding performance reflects its commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in engineering education.





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21. Industrial Visit: Euphoria Genx @CSE @GNIT

On March 11th and 12th, 2024, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of GNIT organized an industrial visit for 3rd year B.Tech students of Computer Science and Engineering and for 1st year students of BSc in Cyber security. The students visited Euphoria Genx, a software development company, at Salt Lake, Sector V. 37 students of BTech CSE and 19 students of Bsc Cyber security had the unique opportunity to explore the intricacies of the software industry through this visit.

During the visit, students were given a prelude to data analysis, data science and cyber security with exposure to some real world projects in these areas. Some basic concepts in these domains were also discussed as well. The whole experience was aimed at motivating the students towards pursuing a career in data analytics and/or

cyber security. In this regard, the students appreciated and connected the learning activities in their class room to their eventual application

in the solution of real world problems. From the feedback gained, the students were very excited about the domains and wished to explore them more in the coming months.

The visit was coordinated by Mr. Sumit Kr. Banerjee and Ms. Bidyutmala Saha, Assistant Professors of the department of CSE, on the 1st day of the visit. The 2nd day of the visit was coordinated by Dr. Hindol Bhattacharya and Mr. Moloy Dhar, Assistant Professors of the department of CSE.

The industrial visit served as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and real-world applications, enriching the educational experience of the students.







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A Visit to Jorasanko Thakurbari, Kolkata by the B.ED Department

Department of Education, JIS University organised a trip to Jorasanko Thakur Bari, at Jorasanko, Kolkata in order to complete the practicums and assignment successfully of B.Ed. students on 16th of February, 2024 (Thursday). 18 students from B.Ed. Second semester, 4 Senior student coordinators, HOD and 2 Faculty members visited the spot. Jorasanko Thakur Bari in Jorasanko, North Kolkata, West Bengal, is the ancestral home of the Tagore family. It is the birth place of poet Rabindranath Tagore and host the Rabindra Bharati University campus. The portray of Tagore and his ancestors were beautifully

arranged in their Gallery. The collection of Tagore's Poetry, Art, Philosophy, Drama and Songs were inspected.





JIS University organized Youth Parliament Competition, 2024 at JIS University campus

On 20th February, the Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University organized Youth Parliament Competition, 2024 at JIS University campus. Eminent personalities like Retired IPS officer, DSP, Barrister

and practicing Advocate of Calcutta High Court were present in the event. The participants were from different reputed universities like Amity University, MAKAUT, UEM and many more. Snapshots of the event are shared.









Celebration of International Mother Language Day on 21st Feb

On 21st Feb, 2024, JIS University celebrated International Mother Language Day with a great zeal and enthusiasm. The program was initiated with the inaugural speech by Dr. Swadesh Ranjan Samanta, Professor, Department of Education, followed by Dr. Kamalakanta Ray, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, JISUniversity. The students and other faculty members of the various departments of the University showed their respect towards their mother languages by delivering wholehearted speech, recitation, and singing. Their deliberations created a vibrant atmosphere in the auditorium. Glimpses of the event are shared.











Industrial tour of D.Pharm students at State Pharmacopoeial Laboratory & Pharmacy for Indian Medicine at Kalyani, Nadia

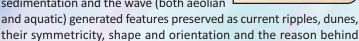
On 21st February, 2024 Department of Pharmaceutical technology organisedIndustrial tour of D.Pharm students at State Pharmacopoeial Laboratory & Pharmacy for Indian Medicine at Kalyani, Nadia . The objectives of this visit was to recognise the various types of medicinal plants, know about different kinds of herbal plants and medicine making machines, manufacturing of herbal products and undergo Factory visit. 30 students attended this industrial tour with great interest and enthusiasm accompanied by their faculty members.

Geological Field Visit from the Department of Earth Sciences & RS

The students of B.Sc Geology 6th semester and 2nd semester from the Department of Earth Sciences & Remote Sensing completed their field training on Soft Sediments in Chandipur, Balasore, Orissa from 22nd to 26th February under the guidance of Dr. Tapan Chakraborty along with our Department Head, Dr. Manua Banerjee. The major highlights of the field work were to study the pattern of sedimentation and the wave (both aeolian



their formation. The objective of this field is to train students to identify the features of soft sediment deposits and reflect and identify these signatures in hard rock to be done in subsequent field works). The students were excellently guided by Dr. Tapan Chakraborty and they were trained to practically visualise and correlate various ripple and dune formations that they had previously learnt only through books. Glimpses of the said field.







Snapshots of the "Study in India Expo" at Jamuna Fortune Park in Bangladesh

Fortune Park in Bangladeshorganised by Affairs on 23rd and 24th February, 2024.

JIS University partcipated at the "Study in India Expo" at Jamuna







The Department of Education, JIS University organized an excursion field trip to Naihati Nice Park

The Department of Education, JIS University organized an excursion field trip to Naihati Nice Park on 23rd February, 2024 to imbibe practical knowledge with the theoretical knowledge. 40 students with the faculty members participated in this trip. The students engaged themselves in different adventure sports and physical activities. Beyond the regular Classrooms, we at JISUniversity, Department of Education take care of the mental wellness of the students and try to input Experiential learning methods throughout its curricula.





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Snapshots of COLLEGARE2k24 - JIS University Reunion of Alumni

The University reunion evokes nostalgia, uniting classmates from divergent paths. Laughter fills the air as old friends exchanged stories, recalling shared escapades. The gathering bridges past and present, reigniting old bonds and fostering new ones amidst joy. The attendee students reflected personal growth since graduation, affirming the enduring significance of university years. Glimpses of the COLLEGARE2k24 event organised on 25th February (Sunday) at JIS University campus are shared.

Visit of Vidyut Jammwal, the lead actor of the movie "Crakk"

Snapshots of the Visit of actor Vidyut Jammwal, the lead actor of the movie "Crakk," on 26th February, 2024 at JIS University and

Narula Institute of Technology campus to promote his upcoming film "CRAKK". His visit resulted great enthusiasm and excitement among the students.







Department of Educationconducted a Talk on "The Inner Peace and Outer Dynamism" in JIS University campus

Department of Education, JIS University conducted a Talk on "The Inner Peace and Outer Dynamism" in JIS University campus inside the JIS Auditorium, on 26th February, 2024 (Monday). The topic of the talk was "Peace begins with a smile", "Nothing can keep you happy for too long unless you find inner peace". The reason to begin with above lessons is that what the students practiced on that day in the Seminar conducted by the most prestigious and honourable guests like Dr. Sabinoy Das (PhD Physics, Scientist, IIA Bangalore), Dr. Banani Chakraborty (PhD Biochemistry, DNA Nano Scientist, IISC Bangalore), and Dr. Tanusree Chakraborty (PhD Civil, Professor, IIT, Delhi). The session was attended by HOD, Dept of Education, faculty members, and B.Ed students from all the semesters of the

Department of Education. The guests began with a general introduction and beautiful smile and was successful bringing each and everyone within themselves. They made all laugh out louder with some Games like "Clap and Stop", Musical therepy, and some Vashtrikas. It was a short demo of the 4-day proposed workshop on the Beautiful "SUDARSHANA KRIYA", which is to be held on the first week of April, 2024. Snapshots of the event session are shared.





School of Agricultural Science, conducted an Exposure visit.

On 27th Feb 2024, School of Agricultural Science, conducted an Exposure visit of 6th and 8th Semester Students at Zonal Adaptive Research Station Krishnagar, Nadia, Dept.of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal to see High tech potato seed production through tissue

culture and ARC (Arial Rooted Cuttings) and hybrid maize seed production. Students participated in the field visit along with great interest and gained profound practical knowledge on the subject.









Department of Law, MAKAUT invited Dr. Souvik Chatterji, HOD Law, JIS University for an Expert talk on Competition Law in India and ease of doing in G20 Era

On 28th February, 2024, Department of Law, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University Of Technology, West Bengal invited Dr. Souvik Chatterji, HOD Law, JIS University for an Expert talk on Competition Law in India and ease of doing in G20 Era. Dr. Amit Ghosh (HOD Law, MAKAUT) organized the seminar on Competition Law in the campus. The areas on which Lecture was given included Cartels, Anti competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position, DLF case, combination review to mention a few. Dr. Souvik Chatterji was

warmly welcomed by Dr. Amit Ghosh and honored him. Dr. Souvik Chatterji spoke about Abuse of Dominance, Importance of determination of relevant market in anti-trust cases, Deterrence and detection of cartels using the tools and sanctions and Anti-competitive Agreement in India and USA.





JIS University Team at the Corporate Conference

On 29th February 2024, Faculty Members from the JIS University - Department of Management Studies participated in the Corporate Conference on the theme "West Bengal Poised to Lead – Charting Growth Trajectory: Image, Innovation, Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusiveness" organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at The





Park, Kolkata. Eminent speakers like Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon. Minister-in-Charge, Dept. of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Govt. of West Bengal, Ms. Roshni Singh, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal, Ms. Sucharita Basu, Chairperson, CII West Bengal State Council and eminent leaders from the Corporate world enlightened the audience on the theme of the conference.

JIS University organised an auspicious prize distribution ceremony of "Saraswati r Sera School" at ICCR auditorium in collaboration with Sanbad Pratidin

Sanbad Pratidin and JIS University organised an auspicious prize distribution ceremony of "Saraswati r Sera School" at ICCR auditorium, Kolkata on 29th February, 2024. Honorable Governor

of West Bengal C.V. Anand Bose, Chancellor of JIS University, Sardar Taranjit Singh and other eminent personalities from Tollywood also graced the occasion. It was quite eventful, enjoyable and impactful experience for all the participating school students, teachers and eminent personalities present there. Glimpses of the eventare shared.







JIS GROUP

The Guruvani Kirtan Samagum

A kirtan Samagum was arranged on 29th February, 2024 (Thursday), at JIS University in it's auditorium, by the Department of Education and Spiritual Study Centre. The Kirtan was chanted by the most prestigious, kind and honorable Sri Dada Laxman Chellaram ji and his companion Rushvindar Sing ji.This Guruvani Satsang was based

on spirituality. Along with Chellaram ji, the Dean of Pharmaceutical Science, all the HOD's, Professors, Staff members and Students were chanting the Guruvani kirtan, where all the members beautifully covered their heads to connect themselves. Snapshots of the session are shared.







The JIS Entrepreneurship Conclave, themed "Entrepreneurs – Born or Made"

On 1st March, 2024 The JIS Entrepreneurship Conclave, themed "Entrepreneurs – Born or Made," commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Smt. Jaspreet Kaur, Director – JIS Group, Sardar Simarpreet Singh, Director – JIS Group, Shri. Sunil Chandra Saha and Shri. Nitesh Singh, Co-founders of Blue Tea, along with Prof. Dr. Soumen Banerjee, Principal of NiT, and Prof (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, at the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata. Sardar Simarpreet Singh then delivered the welcome address.

The conclave featured a captivating presentation by Sunil Chandra

Saha and Nitesh Singh, co-founders of Blue Tea, who shared their entrepreneurial journey and the success story of Blue Tea. They also engaged in a lively Q&A session with an enthusiastic audience. Their book, "Into the Tank," was launched during the event. Shri. Sanmati Pande, Founder of Growfitter and Smt. Shruthi Reddy, Founder of Anthyesti Funeral Services, participated in an insightful discussion and shared their respective journeys and paths to success. The highlight of the conclave was a riveting conversation between Shri. Ashneer Grover, Founder of BharatPe and renowned for his appearance on Shark Tank, and Smt. Jaspreet Kaur, Director – JIS Group. The audience was captivated by Shri Grover's sharp and spontaneous answers, followed by an engaging Q&A session. Students from JIS University and other group colleges attended the event.







Faculty of Education organised celebration of INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Faculty of Education organised celebration of INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (8th March) in advance on 5th March in JIS University campus at Agarpara.. Safeguarding the rights of women and girls

across every facet of existence stands as the sole path to guaranteeing affluent and equitable economies, as well as a sustainable planet for posterity. Keeping this in mind, with the idea of "Invest in women: Accelerate progress", the Faculty of Education, JIS University, organized a celebratory programme for the "International Women's Day". Snapshots of the event are shared.



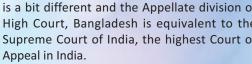




Law Department of JIS University participated in the Third International Bengali Conference organized by Bangla WorldWide

On 8th March, 2024, Law Department of JIS University participated in the Third International Bengali Conference organized by Bangla WorldWide from 8th March, 2024 to 10th March, 2024 at Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership, Bidhannagar, Kolkata. Dr. Souvik Chatterji HOD, Law, JIS University, told the Judges of High Court, Bangladesh that India, as a country has created sectoral regulators in major sectors like Airlines, namely Airport Economic Regulatory Authority, Telecom - TRAI, Electricity, CERC, to name a few. The judges of Bangladesh replied that their appellate system

is a bit different and the Appellate division of High Court, Bangladesh is equivalent to the Supreme Court of India, the highest Court of







Educational Initiatives

Incredible achievement by our student Rangan Mitra at IIT, Bombay.

We congratulated our student Rangan Mitra, studying B.Sc. Microbiology course from the Department of Biosciences - JIS University on his exceptional achievements. JIS University proudly acknowledges his recently invited visit to IIT Bombay for the workshop and conference on "Advances in Proteomics Technologies." Rangan's outstanding performance in one of their courses titled "Introduction to Proteomics", where he stood as the top scorer earned him this prestigious invitation. He participated in the workshop titled "Basic Proteomics" where he got hands-on experience in Sample Preparation for Mass Spec to Peptide Quantification to Sample placement in Nano-LC and finally, MS run. He also learnt various data acquisition and analysis techniques of MS data and metaproteome workflow and data analysis. He got an opportunity to connect and share his research interests with notable people in

the field of Proteomics such as Dr. Sanjeeva Srivastava (Convener), Dr. Christina Ludwig, Dr. Judith Steen, Dr. Hanno Steen, Dr. John P Wilson, Graham Roy Ball and Prof. Matthias Mann, Director of IMPRS for Biochemistry. Rangan's remarkable abilities were further highlighted as he secured the third position in the guiz competition and presented a compelling poster during the poster competition. His dedication and expertise are truly commendable, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to him on this well-deserved recognition.





NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Visit to Behala Flying Club by the NCC Cadets

On 16th February, 2024, the NCC Cadets of Narula Institute of Technology had an incredible opportunity to visit Behala Flying Club and explore the world of Microlight Aircraft. The visit provided a remarkable hands-on learning experience, offering our cadets profound insights into aviation.







Innovation Challenge Competition organized by IIC and EDC

The Innovation Challenge, jointly organized by the Innovation and Incubation Center (IIC) and the **Entrepreneurship Development** Cell (EDC), powered by Idea-ometer, took place on the 19th and 20th of February 2024. The event aimed to provide a platform for



students to showcase their innovative ideas and critical thinking skills in addressing global societal issues.





Viksit Bharat @2047

Narula Institute of Technology, under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, in collaboration with AICTE, organized a seminar on February 20, 2024, titled "Importance of Design, Critical Thinking, and Innovation" as part of the Development

Dialogue series, aimed at discussing the foundational changes leading to the development of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Approximately 350 participants, including students and faculty members attended the session.









International Mother Language Day Celebration

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day/Bhasha Divas on 21st February, 2024, the students of Narula Institute of Technology (NiT) echoed the campus with the songs, recitation and dances in their respective mother tongues.







TCSCON 2024-International Conference on Science, Technology and Communication Skills

TCSCON 2024, an International Conference on Technology, Communication, and Science organized by the Basic Science and Humanities Department of Narula Institute of Technology, was held

over two days on 22nd-23rd February, 2024, featuring a lineup of dignitaries and renowned speakers from esteemed institutions. This year's theme for TCSCON was Environmental Sustainability and Green Technology.







FDP organised by **Electrical Engineering Department**

The Department of Electrical Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology organized a "One-Week Faculty Development Programme on Contemporary Research Areas in Electrical and Electronics

Engineering" from 19th February to 23rd February 2024. Total 47 participants with a wide gamut of academic background and research interest from various reputed institutes of the country participated in the FDP.







NEWS FROM THE JIS

One day Workshop on "Modern geotechnical advancement in Civil **Engineering domain**"

The Department of Civil Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology successfully organized a One-Day Workshop on "Modern Geotechnical Advancement in Civil Engineering Domain" on 5th March 2024 which was attended by more than 85 students of B.Tech & M.tech in Structural Engineering as well as Geotechnical Engineering.









Stop Smoking Awareness Campaign by NSS Unit

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Narula Institute of Technology organized a comprehensive Stop Smoking Awareness

Campaign on 13th March, 2024 in the nearby area. The campaign aimed to educate the local community about the harmful effects of smoking and encourage individuals to quit this detrimental habit.







Winsome 2024

The Women Cell of Narula Institute of Technology has organised multicolour events to empower the Women fraternity on the eve of this International Women's Day 2024. Winsome 2024, the celebration of Women's Day at Narula Institute of Technology commenced with the Inter department Tug of war on 8th March 2024 and also organised a free Women Health Check-up Camp for the female students and faculty and staff members on 14th March, 2024.







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