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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



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Warm greetings from The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

As we approach the close of the financial year, it is both timely and gratifying to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable year for the Chamber. Over the past months, we have collectively achieved significant milestones—strengthening industry engagement, fostering meaningful partnerships, and advancing thought leadership across key sectors. These accomplishments stand as a testament to the unwavering commitment of our members, leadership, and stakeholders, and reinforce BCC&I's role as a catalyst in shaping the larger economic narrative.

In the midst of this progress, the global economic landscape continues to evolve, with recent geopolitical developments and shifts in trade dynamics influencing growth trajectories worldwide. While uncertainties persist across major economies, and with the world reeling from the economic shocks from the war in the Middle East, India has demonstrated notable resilience, supported by strong domestic demand, stable financial systems, and proactive policy measures. This evolving environment presents both challenges and opportunities, positioning India to further strengthen its role as a key driver of global growth.

For BCC&I, March proved exceptionally vibrant with a series of impactful programmes in Kolkata, including the **BCC&I 'Shiromoni' Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards**, the **9th BCC&I Health Tech Summit**, the **10th edition of Rural FPO Connect**, **GI Mahotsav 2026** – an inaugural and first-of-its-kind exposition, the **15th BCC&I-GNIT Technology Quiz**, the **BCC&I Manufacturing Conclave & MSME Excellence Awards**, and the **15th Shipping & Logistics Conclave**. These initiatives have successfully brought together industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and stakeholders, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and actionable insights across sectors.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue this momentum into the new financial year. Early in the new fiscal, the Chamber will host the 13th edition of Ratnagarbha in Kolkata and the inaugural North East Business Summit in Guwahati—both envisioned as high-impact platforms to celebrate entrepreneurship, strengthen regional integration, and unlock new avenues of growth and collaboration.

As we transition into a new fiscal year, BCC&I remains steadfast in its commitment to driving inclusive growth, enabling innovation, and facilitating meaningful engagement between industry and government. We will continue to build platforms that inspire ideas, enable partnerships, and contribute to a resilient and future-ready economy.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Managing Committee, Chairpersons, Mentors, Co-Chairpersons, and all committee members for their invaluable contributions throughout the year. Your dedication has been instrumental in shaping our collective success.

Let us move forward with renewed energy and optimism, embracing new opportunities and working together towards a more prosperous and dynamic India whatever the global conditions may be at any point of time.

Wishing you continued success and a productive period ahead.

Warm regards,

Sd/-
Abhijit Roy
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey Skipper Limited, AME Infralogistics Pvt Ltd, Shivam Enterprise and Kanchenjunga Darjeeling Beverages Pvt. Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 26th February 2026.



MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY IN ASSOCIATION WITH JIS GROUP EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

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The National Committee of Shipping and Logistics of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) successfully hosted the 15th edition of Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2026 on February 25, 2026, bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and experts to deliberate on the evolving landscape of India's maritime and logistics sector.

The conclave commenced with a formal inauguration, featuring a welcome address by **Mr. Abhijit Banerjee**, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited. He highlighted shipping and logistics as key drivers of economic growth, emphasized blending maritime heritage with modern innovation, and underscored West Bengal's strategic role as a gateway to Eastern India, calling for actionable outcomes, followed by the theme address delivered by **Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri**, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd, he emphasized continuous evolution of India's logistics and maritime sector, highlighting that modernization must progress alongside operations, with a focus on shipbuilding, multimodal integration, skill development, and blending digital advancement with traditional wisdom.

Distinguished guests of honour including **Mr. Debashis Dutta**, Director, Ripley Group and Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I; highlighted logistics as an integrated ecosystem beyond transportation, noted improved efficiency with reduced costs, projected strong sector growth, and positioned Kolkata as a key logistics hub driven by collaboration; **Mr. Dinesh Shastri**, Managing Director, T M International Logistics Ltd & Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, spoke about emerging growth in West Bengal's logistics sector, citing infrastructure improvements and private participation, while emphasizing the need to address skill and infrastructure gaps.; and **Cmde P R Hari**, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd stressed the critical role of maritime trade, highlighted India's low shipbuilding share, and called for scaling capacity through policy support while addressing supply chain and skill challenges.

A key highlight of the inaugural session was the address by **Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Prime Minister**. He brought a broader economic and cultural perspective to the discussion and highlighted the government's strong focus on elevating shipping and logistics as priority sectors and reiterated India's ambition to emerge as a global shipbuilding leader. Drawing from history, he spoke about India's rich maritime legacy spanning over 5,000 years and illustrated this through the INSV Kondanya project, which revives ancient shipbuilding techniques. He emphasized that

maritime development is not just about economic growth but also about reconnecting with India's civilizational heritage, blending historical wisdom with modern technological advancement.

The Conclave was spread over 3 technical sessions that highlighted the following topics :

Panel Discussion 1 : India's Role – Ship Building, Dry Docking and Repair Facilities

Moderated by Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal, CEO & Director, Century Ports Ltd., the session brought together industry experts including :

- Cmde Vinith Aerat (IN, Retd.), Chief General Manager (B&TD, CC, NPD), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd
- Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Head – Outbound Shipping & Shipping Operations, Tata Steel Ltd
- Mr. Amal Dutta, Sr. Vice President – Infrastructure & Projects, Ripley Group

This panel focused on the \$70 billion infrastructure funding announced by the PMO. Commodore Vinit explained how shipyards like GRSE are undergoing "brownfield" and "greenfield" expansions to multiply throughput. Mr. Amal Dutta announced that Ripley Group is building India's first fully battery-operated green tug at Gadiara, West Bengal. Mr. Pradeep Kumar emphasized that Tata Steel remains committed to supplying competitive, high-quality steel to support this domestic shipbuilding surge.

Panel Discussion 2 : Technology-led Multimodal Logistics Integration across Road, Rail, Ports and Air Cargo

Moderated by Mr. Surajit Sarkar, Advisor & CEO – Inlog Network Pvt. Ltd. and Strategic Consultant in logistics and infrastructure, the eminent panelists for this session were :

- Mr. Rahul Bhagwat, Business Head – Kolkata, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited
- Shri Vishal Patil, Cluster Head – Kolkata / GM, Eastern Region, Container Corporation of India Ltd.
- Mr. Riddhik Dutta, CEO, B G Somadder Group
- Mr. Roshan Lal Agarwal, Founder, CJ Darcl Logistics

The discussion centered on the "silent revolution" of digital logistics. The panel explored how AI and Predictive Analysis are being used to orchestrate multi-modal cargo movements. They noted that logistics has evolved from simple transport to a high-tech coordination of data, ensuring transparency across rail, road, and sea.

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Panel Discussion 3: Skilling and Workforce Development for Shipping and Logistics 4.0

This session was moderated by Mr. Sagar Khastagir, Managing Partner – Gujarathi Empire Group, the eminent panelists for this session were :

- Mr. Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, PDP Group
- Ms. Baisali Chowdhury, Director Marine, Seacom Skills University
- Mr. Atanu Basu, Chief – IWML, CSR & Sustainability, T M International Logistics Ltd

The final session addressed the human capital gap. Speakers argued that "training is an investment, not a cost." They highlighted the importance of the **Logistics Sector Skill Council**

and the need for organizational psychology to manage workplace stress and safety. The goal is to move away from "working in silos" toward integrated departmental coordination

The conclave concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the successful culmination of a day filled with insightful discussions, collaboration, and knowledge exchange. Graced by senior government dignitaries and key industry stakeholders, the programme facilitated meaningful deliberations on critical challenges and emerging opportunities in the sector.

With over 200 participants in attendance, the conclave served as a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and policy advocacy. It reaffirmed BCC&I's commitment to strengthening India's shipping and logistics sector and supporting its journey towards becoming a global hub.



Welcome Address by Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited



Theme Address by Mr. Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd



Address by Guest of Honour-Mr Debashis Dutta, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Director, Ripley Group



Address by Guest of Honour - Mr, Dinesh Shastri, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director, T M International Logistics Ltd

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Address by Guest of Honour - Cmde P R Hari, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd



Address by Chief Guest Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on the "Journey of INSV Kaundinya and his view on India's Maritime Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal 2047"



(From L-R) Mr. Adhip Nath Palchadhuri, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.; Cmde P R Hari, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd; Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited; Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Prime Minister; MrDebashis Dutta, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Director, Ripley Group and Mr Dinesh Shastri, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director, T M International Logistics Ltd



Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and CEO & Director of Century Ports Ltd. moderating the Panel Discussion I: India's Role - Ship Building, Dry Docking and Repair Facilities



Cmde Vinith Aerat, IN(Retd), Chief General Manager (B&TD, CC, NPd), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.delivering his speech at the Panel Discussion I



Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Head Outbound Shipping & Shipping Operations, Group Shipping, One Supply Chain, Tata Steel Ltd delivering his speech at the Panel Discussion I

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Mr. Amal Dutta, Sr. Vice President Infrastructure & Projects, Ripley Group delivering his speech at the Panel Discussion



(From L-R) Mr. Arup Bandhu Guha, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Vice President, Samsara Group; Cmde Vinith Aerat, IN(Retd), Chief General Manager (B&TD, CC, NPD), Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd; Mr. Amal Dutta, Sr. Vice President Infrastructure & Projects, Ripley Group; Mr. Ashutosh Jaiswal, CEO & Director of Century Ports Ltd. & Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Head Outbound Shipping & Shipping Operations, Group Shipping, One Supply Chain, Tata Steel Ltd



Mr. Surajit Sarkar, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Advisor & CEO – Inlog Network Pvt. Ltd. and GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. and Strategic Consultant – Logistics, Infrastructure & Government Business – Kale Logistics Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Former Chief Operating Officer – NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd moderating the Panel Discussion II: Technology-led Multimodal Logistics Integration across Road, Rail, Ports and Air Cargo



Mr. Rahul Bhagwat, Business Head-Kolkata, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited addressing the audience at the Panel Discussion II



Mr. Shri Vishal Patil, Cluster Head- Kolkata / GM, Eastern Region, Container Corporation of India Ltd addressing the audience at the Panel Discussion II



Mr. Riddhik Dutta, Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and CEO, B G Somadder Group addressing the audience at the Panel Discussion II

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Mr. Roshan Lal Agarwal, Founder, CJ Darcl Logistics addressing the audience at the Panel Discussion II



(From L-R) Mr. Riddhik Dutta, Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and CEO, B G Somadder Group; Mr. Tapas Banerjee, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director, Everett (India) Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Surajit Sarkar, Senior Member of The National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Advisor & CEO – Inlog Network Pvt. Ltd. and GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. and Strategic Consultant – Logistics, Infrastructure & Government Business – Kale Logistics Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Former Chief Operating Officer – NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd, Mr. Rahul Bhagwat, Business Head-Kolkata, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited, Mr. Shri Vishal Patil, Cluster Head- Kolkata / GM, Eastern Region, Container Corporation of India Ltd, Mr. Roshan Lal Agarwal, Founder, CJ Darcl Logistics



Mr. Sagar Khastagir, Managing Partner – Trade and Commodity Division, Gujarathi Empire Group and Senior Logistics and International Trade Executive, Kingdom Trade Group LLC (USA) moderating the Panel Discussion III: Skilling and Workforce Development for Shipping and Logistics 4.0



Mr. Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, PDP Group addressing at the Panel Discussion III



Ms. Baisali Chowdhury, Director Marine, Seacom Skills University addressing at the Panel Discussion III



Mr. Atanu Basu, Chief-IWML, CSR & Sustainability TM International Logistics Ltd. addressing at the Panel Discussion III

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(From L-R), Mr. Avishkar Srivastava, Chief Innovation Officer, PDP Group; Mr. Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.; Ms. Baisali Chowdhury, Director Marine, Seacom Skills University; Mr. Sagar Khastagir, Managing Partner – Trade and Commodity Division, Gujarathi Empire Group and Senior Logistics and International Trade Executive, Kingdom Trade Group LLC (USA) and Mr. Atanu Basu, Chief-IWML, CSR & Sustainability TM International Logistics Ltd



Presentation by Dr. Sachin Modgil, Associate Professor (Operations and Supply Chain), IMI Kolkata



Section of audience at the 15th Edition of National Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2026

Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I delivering Vote of Thanks

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10th EDITION OF BCC&I RURAL CONNECT AND FPO-SHG AWARDS 2026, THEME : DRIVING RURAL TRANSFORMATION : VIKSIT GRAMIN BHARAT – VISION 2030

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) successfully organised the 10th edition of Rural Connect and FPO–SHG Awards 2026 at Science City, Kolkata, bringing together policymakers, financial institutions, agribusiness leaders, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), and development stakeholders.

Centred around the theme “Viksit Gramin Bharat – Vision 2030”, the programme served as a dynamic platform for dialogue, collaboration, and partnership-building to strengthen India’s rural and agricultural ecosystem. The initiative reaffirmed BCC&I’s commitment to enabling inclusive growth by connecting grassroots institutions with markets, finance, and technology.

Rural India at the Core of Economic Growth

Agriculture continues to remain a cornerstone of India’s economy, contributing nearly 17–18 percent to GDP while supporting over 40 percent of the workforce. However, the predominance of small and marginal farmers necessitates stronger institutional support to enhance productivity, market access, and income stability.

Farmer Producer Organisations and Self Help Groups have emerged as critical drivers of this transformation. With over 10,000 FPOs formed under national initiatives and more than 10 crore women mobilised through SHGs, these collective institutions are reshaping rural entrepreneurship and strengthening community-led development.

Inaugural Session : Setting the Agenda for Change

The inaugural session set the tone for the day by emphasising the importance of rural entrepreneurship, collective institutions, and technology-enabled agriculture. Speakers highlighted that while India has achieved significant progress in food production, improving farmers' income, strengthening risk mitigation mechanisms, and ensuring better market linkages remain key priorities.

A strong emphasis was placed on the role of FPOs and SHGs in enabling aggregation, improving bargaining power, and facilitating direct access to markets.

Insights from the Leadership

Deliberations during the session highlighted several important dimensions of rural development. Rural India continues to be central to national progress, yet income disparities and structural challenges persist. Strengthening collective institutions is essential to achieving scale and improving farmer incomes.

The discussions also underscored the critical role played by women in agriculture, the importance of soil health, and the growing relevance of financial inclusion and insurance. Digital advisory platforms and technology-driven solutions are increasingly shaping modern agricultural practices and enhancing farmer access to information and services.

Technical Session : Collaboration and Authentic Value Chains

The technical session focused on strengthening rural livelihoods through collaboration while ensuring authenticity across agricultural value chains.

Discussions covered key themes such as agricultural risk management, export opportunities, financial access, institutional governance, and the risks posed by counterfeit agricultural inputs. Experts highlighted that ensuring quality, traceability, and transparency is essential for building trust in both domestic and international markets.

The session reinforced that sustainable rural development requires coordinated efforts across government agencies, financial institutions, agribusiness companies, and producer organisations.

B2B Interactions: Unlocking Market Opportunities

A major highlight of the programme was the Buyer-Seller

Meet, which facilitated direct engagement between FPOs and leading buyers including ITC Limited, Green Ocean Impex, Rainbow, Lal Baba Rice, Millets and More, Gigi's Solutex Corporation, and the West Bengal Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Exporters' Association.

These interactions covered a wide range of agricultural commodities such as paddy, dairy products, spices, honey, lentils, maize, and vegetables. Participating FPOs gained valuable insights into buyer expectations related to quality standards, supply consistency, and procurement scale. The discussions also opened avenues for sample evaluations and potential long-term procurement partnerships, strengthening the linkage between rural producers and institutional markets.

Exhibition : Showcasing Rural Enterprises and Innovations

The exhibition segment provided a vibrant platform for showcasing agricultural products, rural enterprises, and institutional initiatives.

Prominent participants included PAN Seeds, Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited, APEDA, Grameen Foundation, Canara Bank, and Debra Agri Business Producer Company Limited. The exhibition attracted over 250 visitors and enabled direct interaction between producers, buyers, and institutional stakeholders.

This segment played a crucial role in enhancing product visibility, promoting innovation, and strengthening market connections for rural enterprises.

FPO & Agri Awards : Celebrating Grassroots Excellence

The programme culminated in the FPO & Agri Awards Ceremony, recognising outstanding contributions from FPOs, SHGs, agribusinesses, and grassroots organisations. Awards were presented across multiple categories including best performing FPOs, women-led enterprises, agritech innovation, market linkage development, climate leadership, and community impact.

These recognitions highlighted successful models of rural entrepreneurship and collective action, inspiring replication and scaling across regions.

Key Takeaways

The programme highlighted the importance of strengthening market linkages to improve farmer incomes and promote

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sustainable agricultural growth. It underscored the need for value addition, food processing, and branding to unlock higher economic potential in rural areas.

Access to finance and insurance emerged as critical enablers for risk mitigation, while technology adoption was identified as a key driver of efficiency and competitiveness. The discussions also reinforced the importance of supporting women-led enterprises and fostering stronger institutional collaboration across stakeholders.



Panel Discussion

Panel discussion in progress during the technical session, bringing together experts from industry, finance, and development sectors to deliberate on strengthening rural livelihoods and ensuring authenticity across agricultural value chains



Inaugural Session

Dignitaries and key speakers during the inaugural session of the 10th Rural Connect and FPO-SHG Awards 2026, setting the vision for collaborative rural transformation



B2B Interaction – Buyer-Seller Meet

Focused interaction between buyers and stakeholders during the Buyer-Seller Meet, facilitating direct dialogue on procurement requirements, quality standards, and supply capabilities



Exhibition Stall – Grameen Foundation

Exhibition stall by Grameen Foundation showcasing value-added rural products and integrated livelihood initiatives led by Farmer Producer Organisations and Self Help Groups



B2B Interaction – Green Ocean Impex

Farmer groups and participants engaging with Green Ocean Impex to explore sourcing opportunities in spices and oilseed products, highlighting the importance of direct market linkages

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B2B Interaction – Rainbow

Active buyer-seller engagement at the Rainbow desk, with discussions centred on processed and value-added agricultural products and sample evaluations



Moments of pride at the FPO-SHG Awards 2026, as outstanding performers from grassroots institutions receive recognition for their impact and innovation



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GI MAHOTSAV 2026

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Strengthening India's GI Ecosystem

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with NABARD and the Department of MSME and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, organised GI Mahotsav 2026 as a strategic platform to strengthen the Geographical Indication ecosystem in India. The Mahotsav brought together policymakers, financial institutions, artisans, producer groups, and industry stakeholders to create a meaningful dialogue between policy and practice.

The 03-day event was designed not only as an exhibition but also as a convergence platform to address critical structural gaps in the GI ecosystem, particularly the transition from registration to real economic benefit.

Key Highlights

The Mahotsav witnessed participation from 24 artisan groups and enterprises representing diverse sectors across multiple states. The exhibition attracted more than 500 visitors including institutional buyers, professionals, and the general public. Participating stalls collectively reported sales in the range of INR 18 to 20 lakhs, indicating strong market interest in GI linked products.

The event also facilitated direct interaction between producers and buyers, enabling both retail engagement and discussions around bulk procurement and institutional partnerships.

Product Showcase and Participation

A wide range of GI and traditional products were showcased during the exhibition, reflecting the richness and diversity of India's regional heritage. Handloom products such as Santipur and Tangail sarees were prominently displayed alongside traditional crafts like Dokra metal work, Kantha stitch products, bamboo-based items, and Madhurkatti crafts.

Traditional art forms including Patachitra from West Bengal and Sohrai paintings from Jharkhand attracted strong visitor engagement, highlighting the cultural depth of GI linked art traditions.

Agricultural GI products formed a major component of the exhibition. A total of 6 major GI rice varieties were showcased including Gobindobhog, Tulaipanji, Kalonunia, Radhunipagal, Katarni, and Kalanamak rice. In addition, 5 prominent GI and specialty products from outside West Bengal were displayed, namely Lakadong turmeric from Meghalaya, Waigaon turmeric from Maharashtra, Sikkim large cardamom, Mithila makhana from Bihar, and Vengurla cashew from Maharashtra.

The exhibition also featured traditional food products such as Sita Bhog and Mihidana from West Bengal, along with Darjeeling tea, India's first GI tagged product.

Participation from outside West Bengal added significant value to the Mahotsav. A total of 3 major non-West Bengal GI craft categories were represented including Bherugarh Batik print textiles from Madhya Pradesh, Sohrai paintings from Jharkhand, handicraft and handloom products from Odisha and Sangneri Boutique Print from Rajasthan. These products reinforced the idea that GI is a national asset connecting regions through shared heritage and market opportunities.

Policy and Technical Insights

The inaugural and technical sessions provided strong policy direction and practical insights into the GI ecosystem. A central theme that emerged across all discussions was that GI registration alone does not ensure economic transformation.

Speakers emphasised the importance of authorised user certification as a critical factor in enabling producers to legally and credibly use GI status in the marketplace. Without this certification, the benefits of GI remain largely unrealised.

The sessions also highlighted the need for structured institutional support in documentation, compliance, and post registration facilitation. The importance of integrating traceability mechanisms and strengthening authenticity in an increasingly competitive market environment was also underlined.

Institutional Engagement and Market Linkages

The Mahotsav served as an important platform for institutional convergence and collaboration. NABARD highlighted its ongoing initiatives in supporting GI products through capacity building, value chain development, and market linkage.

The exhibition facilitated discussions with organisations such as Biswabangla for future collaboration in marketing and promotion. Bulk buyers explored procurement opportunities across product categories including textiles, traditional paintings, agricultural produce, and spices, indicating strong potential for scaling GI products.

International engagement was also notable, with visits from representatives of the German Consulate and the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission, opening avenues for future collaboration and cross border engagement.



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Exhibition Stalls At GI Mahotsav 2026

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9th HEALTH TECH SUMMIT



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised the 9th edition of BCC&i Health Tech Summit, on 27th February, 2026 at The Park, Kolkata from 10:00 am onwards. The past 8 editions of Health Tech Summit had addressed the various trends through which the healthcare industry has progressed. Digital transformation in the new normal world, health for inclusive growth, making health care smarter with AI and quality care towards good health and well-being--- were the various themes that the past 8 editions of Health Tech Summit had addressed. This year the theme was "Responsible Healthcare—Making Efficient with Good Governance".

The Opening Session saw the gracious presence of Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited, who delivered the Welcome Address; Dr. Alok Roy, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivered the Theme Address; Mr. Abhijit Majumdar, Chairperson – National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals Ltd set the Agenda for the Summit and Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-

chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. delivered the Partner's Address.

Dr. Andrew Fleming, Dy. High Commissioner, British Dy. High Commission, joined us as our Distinguished Guest and delivered the Special Address on UK-India Opportunities in Health Tech. Following this address, there was the release of Thought Paper by PwC 'Navigating Privacy and Protection in India's Healthcare Digital Frontier'.

The Opening Session was followed by a Session on 'Digital Transformation for Responsible Healthcare.' Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Partner, PwC, put forward the presentation on the Thought Paper, 'Navigating Privacy and Protection in India's Healthcare Digital Frontier.' The presentation was followed by an Online Special Address on 'Patient Safety and Governance in the age of Digital Healthcare' by Dr. Sumana Arora, Senior Consultant, Health & Family Welfare, NITI Aayog, moderated by Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. This address led way to the first Panel Discussion of the Summit on 'Digital

Transformation for Responsible Care’, moderated by Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Rajiv Mondal, CEO, Arogyam Medisoft Solution Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sudeep Dey CIO & CISO, Aster DM Healthcare India Limited, Dr. Rajesh Gupta Chief-Digital Health, MindIT Systems and Mr. Venkateswarlu IT Head, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital were the distinguished panellists of the Session.

A special session was arranged post the Panel Discussion on ‘Making Medicine Limitless, Meddollina – The Intelligence That Never Sleeps’. Mr. Vaibhav Ram, CEO, SETV Global LLP presented his creation Meddollina, a platform that uses the benefits of AI for better treatment of the patients and demonstrated how doctors and hospitals can benefit from the same.

Panel Discussion on ‘Making Healthcare efficient with Good Governance & Higher Investments’, marked the last session of the Summit. The session was moderated by Ms. Nisha A Bhatia Sr. Director – Health Industries, PwC India. Ms. Doli Biswas, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospitals, Anandapur, Dr. Pinaki Bandyopadhyay, Medical Superintendent, HP Ghosh Hospital, Mr. Indrajeet Banerjee, Group Head & Associate Vice President – Marketing, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata and Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharya, Chief of Medical Services, Ruby General Hospital were the distinguished panelists.

The Summit saw the presence of more than 150 delegates and the feedback suggests that the discussions were very useful for the them.



Opening Session (L-R) Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Alok Roy, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited; Dr. Andrew Fleming, Dy. High Commissioner, British Dy. High Commission; Mr. Abhijit Majumdar, Chairperson – National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals Ltd



Welcome Address by Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited



Theme Address by Dr. Alok Roy, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Setting the Agenda by Mr. Abhijit Majumdar, Chairperson – National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals Ltd



Partner's Address by Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd



Special Address on UK-India Opportunities in Health Tech by Dr. Andrew Fleming, Dy. High Commissioner, British Dy. High Commission



Presentation on the Thought Paper, Navigating Privacy and Protection in India's Healthcare Digital Frontier, by Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Partner, PwC



Release of Thought Paper
 L-R : Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd; Dr. Alok Roy, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Head of On-site, ASEAN & South Asia, Linde India Limited; Dr. Andrew Fleming Dy. High Commissioner, British Dy. High Commission; Mr. Abhijit Majumdar, Chairperson – National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals Ltd. and Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Partner, PwC



Special Address on 'Patient Safety and Governance in the age of Digital Healthcare' by Dr. Sumana Arora, Senior Consultant, Health & Family Welfare, NITI Aayog, Moderator : Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd



Special Session 'Making Medicine Limitless, Meddollina – The Intelligence That Never Sleeps' by Mr. Vaibhav Ram, CEO, SETV Global LLP



Panel Discussion on Digital Transformation for Responsible Care (L-R) Mr. Rajiv Mondal, CEO, Arogyam Medisoft Solution Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Sudeep Dey, CIO & CISO, Aster DM Healthcare India Limited; Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Dr. Rajesh Gupta Chief-Digital Health, MindIT Systems; Mr. Venkateswarlu, IT Head, Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital



Panel Discussion on Making Healthcare efficient with Good Governance & Higher Investments (L-R) Ms. Doli Biswas, Co-chairperson – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospitals, Anandapur; Dr. Pinaki Bandyopadhyay, Medical Superintendent, HP Ghosh Hospital; Ms. Nisha A Bhatia, Sr. Director – Health Industries, PwC India; Dr. Joydeep Bhattacharya, Chief of Medical Services, Ruby General Hospital; Mr. Indrajeet Banerjee, Group Head & Associate Vice President – Marketing, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata



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Networking at the 9th edition of BCC&I Health Tech Summit



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FIRST EDITION OF 'SHIROMONI'
ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARDS



In a landmark initiative to honour the spirit of entrepreneurship and visionary leadership, **The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I)** hosted the **Inaugural Edition of the 'Shiromoni' Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards** in partnership with **RT Network Solutions** on 27th February 2026 at Taj City Centre, New Town, Kolkata. Conceived as a prestigious platform to celebrate exemplary entrepreneurial journeys, the awards recognise individuals whose foresight, innovation, and perseverance have contributed significantly to shaping India's dynamic economic landscape.

The evening brought together an illustrious gathering of celebrated entrepreneurs, industry stalwarts, and thought leaders from across sectors, creating a distinguished forum that celebrated enterprise, ambition, and the transformative power of entrepreneurship.

Setting the tone for the evening, **Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**, set the Context, underscoring the importance of recognising entrepreneurship pioneers whose innovation and determination continue to redefine the contours of modern business. This was followed by the **Welcome Address** by **President, BCC&I, Mr. Abhijit Roy, and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints**

India Ltd., who reaffirmed the Chamber's enduring commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and nurturing an ecosystem that encourages innovation-driven growth.

The inaugural edition of the awards honoured a distinguished group of achievers whose work has left an indelible mark on industry and society. The **Unicorn Category** accolade was conferred upon **Shri Amitava Saha, Founder and Chief Operating Officer, FirstCry and Founder & CEO, XpressBees**, recognising his instrumental role in building globally recognised enterprises within India's startup ecosystem. The felicitation was followed by an engaging **fireside conversation** with **Mr. Abhishake Dey Sarkar, Founder & CEO, Advent Education Pvt. Ltd. and Member, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I.**

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** was conferred upon **Padma Shri Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group**, in recognition of his remarkable legacy of visionary leadership and his far-reaching contributions to business, infrastructure development, and nation-building. The award presentation was followed by a compelling fireside chat moderated by **Mr. Kalyan Kar, Managing Director, Rezolve Technology (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Member, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I.**

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The **Accolade for Entertainment Personality Turned Entrepreneur**, was conferred upon celebrated actor **Padma Shri Prosenjit Chatterjee** acknowledging his inspiring journey of extending his creative legacy beyond cinema into the world of entrepreneurship. This followed a most intriguing fireside conversation which was moderated by Mr. Samrat Ghosh, Chief Cluster Officer, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited and Member, Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I.

The **Accolade for Sports Personality Turned Entrepreneur** was conferred upon Padma Shri Sourav Ganguly, whose entrepreneurial pursuits reflect the same determination and strategic vision that defined his illustrious sporting career. **Although he was unable to attend the ceremony owing to his commitments related to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, he conveyed his gratitude through a special video message addressed to the audience.**

The **Heritage/Legacy Business Accolade** was conferred upon **Shri Jayanta Roy, Managing Director of Peerless General**

Finance & Investment Company Limited, honouring his stewardship in preserving and strengthening a legacy enterprise while successfully adapting it to contemporary business realities. The conversation that followed was moderated by **Mr. Anirban Biswas, Founder & CEO, Adwitiya Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. and Vice-Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I.**

The evening was elegantly anchored by Tollywood actor **Ms. Sauraseni Maitra** and concluded with a vibrant networking dinner, providing an opportunity for leaders from business, industry, and the startup ecosystem to connect, exchange ideas, and celebrate the spirit of enterprise.

With the successful launch of the **'Shiromoni' Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards**, BCC&I has added a prestigious new dimension to its longstanding commitment to enterprise promotion — honouring individuals whose vision, courage, and innovation continue to shape the narrative of India's growth and entrepreneurial excellence.



Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd. setting the context of First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards



Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. delivering the Welcome Address at the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards



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Padma Shri Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group was felicitated for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards

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Mr. Anirban Biswas, Vice-Chairperson, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Founder & CEO, Adwitiya Enterprise in conversation with Shri Jayanta Roy, Managing Director, Peerless General Finance & Investment Company Limited at the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards

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Formal Vote of Thanks of the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards, 27th February 2026, Taj City Centre, Kolkata was delivered by Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Member, The Entrepreneurs and Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Chairman, Ascensive Group



Ms. Sauraseni Mitra, Indian Actress was the guest emcee for the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards



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Vibrant Audience at the First Edition of "Shiromoni" Entrepreneurship Excellence

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THE 9th EDITION OF DURGAPUR-ASANSOL INDUSTRIAL REGION DISCUSSION FORUM ON ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

28th February 2026,
Asansol Engineering College

The 9th Edition of Durgapur-Asansol Industrial Region Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability was organised by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Asansol Engineering College at the college premises on 28th February 2026. The Chamber has, over the last several years, been providing a relevant and vibrant forum towards promoting clean technology access, energy and environment management. It has been a continuous endeavour to focus on sustainable development and to disseminate information and educate business, industry and society about the need for balancing industrial growth with ecological stability.

The forum brought together industry leaders, sustainability professionals and academicians to deliberate on strengthening the region's industrial growth while safeguarding ecological balance. The programme witnessed active participation from industrial stakeholders representing key sectors including steel, manufacturing, infrastructure, energy and MSMEs from the Durgapur-Asansol industrial belt. The discussions focused on practical pathways for integrating environmental responsibility into industrial operations, aligning business strategies with sustainability imperatives and fostering collaborative action across industrial sectors.

The inaugural session was graced by **Mr. Kausik Biswas**, Chairperson, Durgapur-Asansol Focus Committee, BCC&I and Whole Time Director - CPL, CEO - CPL & ICML, **Prof. Dr. Arup Kumar Bhowmick**, Principal, Asansol Engineering College, **Dr. Debashis Sarkar**, Registrar and Asso. Prof. Mechanical

Department, Asansol Engineering College, **Mr. Kailash Mandal**, Senior Vice President, Airport Director & Accountable Executive, Durgapur Airport (KNI Airport), **Dr. (Mr.) Sabyasachi Saha**, Associate Professor Editor, South Asia Economic Journal (Sage), Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), **Mr. Suryakant Maity**, Associate President (Plant Head), **Shyam Sel & Power Limited**, Jamuria, **Shri S K Singh**, ED (MM), IISCO Steel Plant (SAIL).

The programme also had a session on - 'Decarbonising Industrial Clusters: Innovations, Pathways & Regional Strategies'. The speakers highlighted that decarbonisation is no longer only an environmental commitment but also an economic imperative, as global markets increasingly prioritise sustainable production and climate responsible supply chains. Discussions also touched upon the role of policy support, financing mechanisms and innovation in facilitating the transition toward low carbon industrial ecosystems. Experts emphasised the growing need for industries to adopt low-carbon technologies, improve energy efficiency and transition towards cleaner production processes.

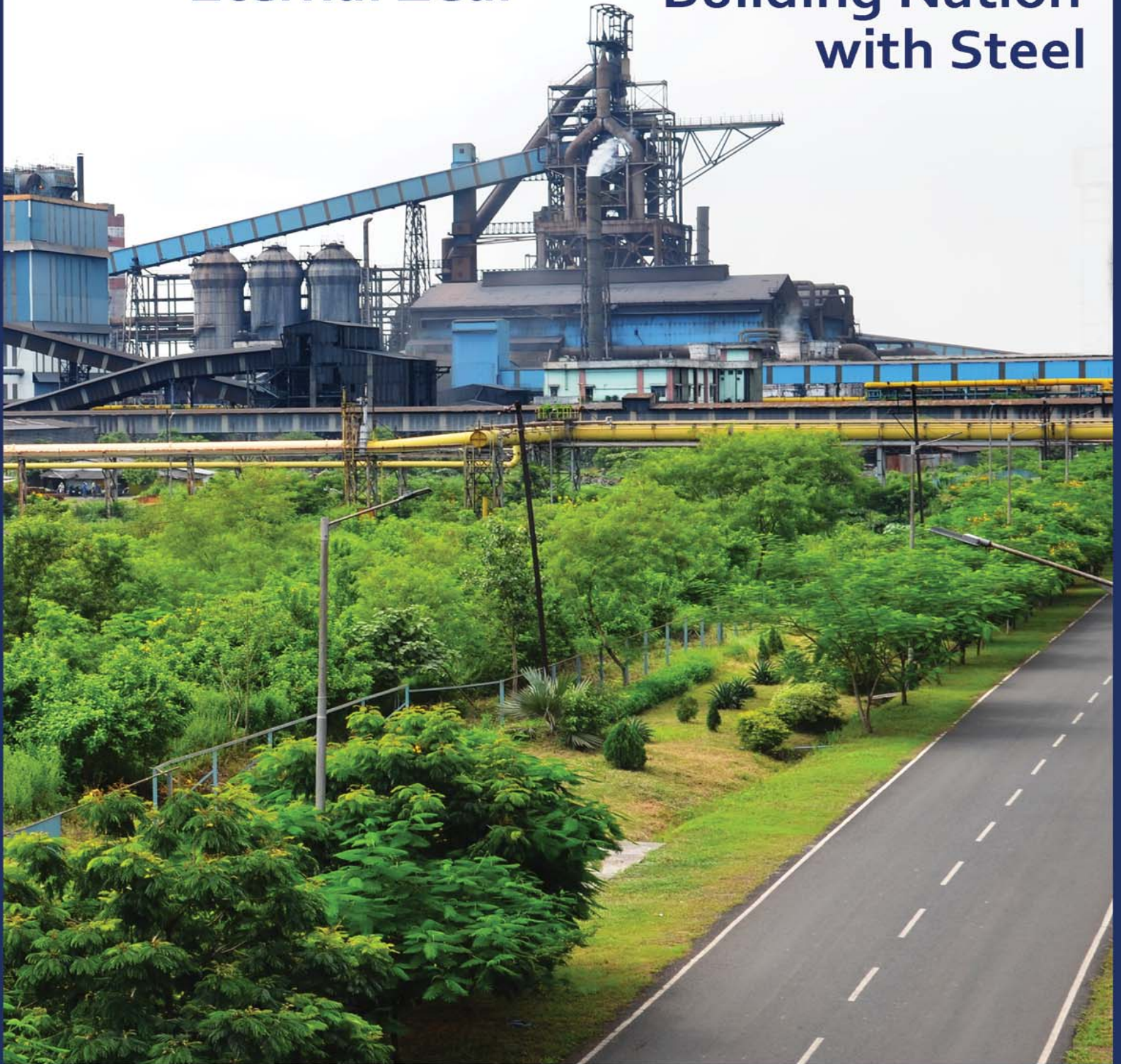
The discussion forum further underscored the importance of regional strategies that consider the unique industrial needs of the Durgapur-Asansol belt. Strengthening industry-academia collaboration, promoting research and innovation and encouraging knowledge sharing were identified as key enablers in driving sustainable transformation within industrial clusters.



Left to Right - Mr. Kaushik Banerjee, Officer, Crescent Power Limited; **Mr. Anirban Bhattacharya**, Manager, Shyam Sel & Power Limited, Jamuria; **Mr. Ayan Nag**, SBU Head, India Power Corporation Limited; **Mr. Diptanshu Bhowmick**, Assistant Engineer, Operations and Maintenance, India Power Corporation Limited; **Mr. Avishek Mukherjee**, Chief Manager, BCC&I; **Mr. Suryakant Maity**, Associate President (Plant Head); **Shyam Sel & Power Limited**, Jamuria; **Mr. Kailash Mandal**, Senior Vice President, Airport Director & Accountable Executive, Durgapur Airport (KNI Airport); **Prof. Dr. Arup Kumar Bhowmick**, Principal, Asansol Engineering College and **Dr. Debashis Sarkar**, Registrar and Asso. Prof. Mechanical Department, Asansol Engineering College

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Day 1 : 5th March 20226, Inaugural day of Summit featured Panel Sessions at the Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) successfully hosted the maiden edition of the ‘Business Meets Sustainability Summit’ across 5th, 6th and 17th March 2026, marking a significant milestone in advancing industry-led sustainability discourse in Eastern India. The Focus of the Summit was “**Business Imperatives and Sustainable Development Goals: Leveraging Science with Innovation, Finance & Technology (SWIFT) for SDGs**”. The Summit was part of the larger initiative of BCC&I’s Sustainability National Forum.

The ‘Business Meets Sustainability Summit’ was conceived by **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Former President, BCC&I & President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, with key conceptual inputs from **Dr. Meera Mitra**, Member and Advisor, BCC&I Sustainability National Forum & Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB).

The **Day 1 of the Summit, 5th March 2026**, featured a series of high-impact panel sessions, bringing together eminent leaders from government, industry and the global community to deliberate on critical sustainability challenges and actionable pathways aligned with the SDGs.

The Day 1 had sessions on :

- **Introduction- SDGs and Sustainability in Contexts of Change**
- **Dialogues: Affordable and Accessible Clean Energy**
- **Visionary Session- The Vision for Sustainability (Future Vision and Sustainability)**
- **Dialogues: Responsible Industrialization with Sustainable Manufacturing and Technology Adaptation for Global competitiveness**
- **Dialogues : Finances and Partnership for the Goals**
- **Unlocking Economic Value in Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development and Sustainable Natural Landscape and Business Opportunities**

The Summit commenced with Opening Remarks by **Dr. Meera Mitra**, on ‘SDGs and Sustainability in Contexts of Change’ where she deliberated on sustainability within the rapidly evolving global and economic landscape. Her address highlighted that while global commitment to the SDGs remains strong, progress is uneven amid rising climate, economic and social challenges, making accelerated and inclusive action imperative. She emphasized on UN Agenda 2030’s pledge of “Leaving no one Behind,” highlighting gaps in gender equality and vulnerability and called for businesses, governments and civil society to collaboratively leverage technology, innovation

and ESG-driven approaches to drive sustainable and equitable growth.

The Visionary Session - The Vision for Sustainability (which was also the inaugural session) was joined by our Chief Guest **Dr. Amit Mitra**, Hon’ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal. The session brought together distinguished panellists like **Mr. Keiichi Higuchi**, President, Kawasaki Rikuso Transportation (KRT), **Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri**, IFS, Former Indian Ambassador to EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and Nepal and **Ms. Barbara Voss**, Consul General of Germany in Kolkata, the session was chaired by **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group.

“With agreements like the India-German Green Hydrogen Partnership and collaborations on circular economy solutions, Germany offers Indian companies a strong platform for innovation, growth and sustainability leadership. The newly signed EU-India Fair Trade Agreement outlines commitments to green energy, climate action and circular economy practices.” - **Ms. Barbara Voss**, Consul General of Germany in Kolkata.

“It’s important to also point out that the people who are making the difference are Gen Z and Millennials. There is data to show that many of them are investing their portfolio in sustainable options. That’s very encouraging”. - **Dr. Amit Mitra**, Hon’ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal.

“The quality of vegetables in West Bengal is very good because soil quality is so nice. This needs to be utilized as an asset. There is a need to provide storage and transportation to major markets and enhance logistics.” - **Mr. Keiichi Higuchi**, President, Kawasaki Rikuso Transportation (KRT)

“In the climate negotiations, we talk about the word ‘adaptation’ but more emphasize should be put on building climate ‘resilience’.” - **Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri**, IFS, Former Indian Ambassador to EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and Nepal

Discussions during this session highlighted the critical intersection of policy, global partnerships and corporate leadership in advancing sustainable economic growth. Speakers emphasized the importance of cross-border collaboration, technological innovation and adaptive policy frameworks to accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

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The Summit further deliberated on themes like ‘**Dialogues: Responsible Industrialization with Sustainable Manufacturing and Technology Adaptation for Global competitiveness**’ where Industry leaders examined the integration of advanced manufacturing technologies and sustainable practices to enhance global competitiveness while reducing environmental impact and enable companies to effectively navigate evolving global environmental regulatory frameworks. The session on ‘**Dialogues : Finances and Partnership for the Goals**’, explored unlocking capital flows by mobilizing both public and private finance, strengthening public-private partnerships to scale impact and leveraging innovative financial instruments—such as blended finance, green bonds and sustainability-linked investments to accelerate the transition toward measurable and long-term sustainable outcomes.

The final session deliberated on the key topic ‘**Unlocking economic value in Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development and Sustainable Natural Landscape and Business Opportunities**’ highlighted significant opportunities to create long-term economic value through responsible agricultural practices, sustainable rural development and protecting biodiversity by enhancing natural capital and building resilient livelihoods for the communities dependent on these ecosystems. **Mr. Benno Böer**, Programme Specialist, Natural Sciences, UNESCO New Delhi Regional Office for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, The Maldives and Sri Lanka, shared a special video message for the Summit, contributing his insights to the discussions.

The Summit witnessed participation from around 120 professionals representing diverse sectors, including manufacturing, energy, finance, agriculture, technology, infrastructure and consulting, fostering a rich multi-stakeholder dialogue to promote sustainable transition pathways.

Day 2 : 6th March 2026, Learning Session on “Quality Management and Standards for Environment”
As part of the 'Business Meets Sustainability Summit', BCC&I organised a **Learning Session on “Quality Management and Standards for Environment”** on **6th March 2026** at the BCC&I premises.

The aim of the workshop was equipping senior professionals with practical insights regarding environmental standards in an era where sustainability reporting and ESG compliance are becoming increasingly central to business strategy. The session provided a comprehensive understanding of integrating environmental standards into organizational processes, managing risks and strengthening sustainability audits, thereby enabling participants to align with evolving regulatory

expectations and enhance the credibility and transparency of their sustainability disclosures.

The session covered topics on –

- Integration of standards into business processes and product or service life cycles
- Visions for Environment Commitments
- Analysing Risks related to Environment dynamics
- Environment Laws
- Internal and External Communications on Sustainability
- Group Activity and Case Study

Faculty –

- **Mr. Alope Mookherjea**, Former President, BCC&I
- **Mr. Goutam Ray**, Principal Lead Assessor, Bureau Veritas
- **Mr. Surojit Bose**, Advisor, Intueri Consulting
- **Mr. Kallol Basu**, Advocate, The Calcutta High Court
- **Dr. Soni Agrawal**, Key Resource Member, Sustainability National Forum, BCC&I and Professor HR & OB, Coordinator, Center for Sustainability, International Management Institute Kolkata

The workshop enabled participants to gain practical insights into adopting lifecycle-based approaches—from raw material sourcing to end-of-life management while emphasizing on the importance of tools such as ISO standards, GHG accounting and ESG reporting frameworks to measure and manage environmental impact. Participants also developed a clearer perspective on aligning business strategies with evolving regulatory requirements, strengthening risk management, improving transparency and leveraging sustainability integration for long term competitiveness and stakeholder trust.

The workshop was attended by 17 participants representing various sectors like – manufacturing, steel, oil and gas, hotels, consulting, logistics, pharmaceuticals and agri sector. The organizations that joined the Learning Session were Jupiter Wagons Limited, Air Water India Pvt. Ltd., Peerless Hotels & Resorts, Tata Steel Limited, TM International Logistics Limited, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., IOCL, KrishiCraft, Mendine Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. and Bengal Gas Company Limited.

Day 3 : 7th March 2026, Exposure Visit to RISE (Research Institute for Sustainable Energy) of TCG Crest on “Emerging Technologies in Batteries”.

BCC&I organized an Exposure Visit to the **Research Institute for Sustainable Energy (RISE)** at **TCG Crest on “Emerging Technologies in Batteries”** on **17th March 2026**. The visit served as an extension of the ‘Business Meets Sustainability

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Summit' held on 5th and 6th March 2026 at the Chamber premises. The visit brought together founders and senior industry leaders to engage with cutting-edge advancements shaping the future of battery technology, energy storage and mobility.

The day commenced with an interaction session hosted by Prof. **Dr. Gour P. Das**, Emeritus Professor, Research Institute for Sustainable Energy (RISE), TCG Centres for Research and Education in Science and Technology, which was joined by the participants, **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I (and Former MD & CEO, Exide) and **Mr. Joydeep Bhattacharya**, Advisor, TCG Crest.

The highlight of the visit was the guided tour of RISE's innovation laboratories, led by **Dr. Abhik Banerjee**, in-charge, Battery Program, RISE, who apprised the participants about how advancements in battery chemistry and design are driving significant improvements in performance such as energy density, charging speed, thermal stability and lifecycle durability. Participants were provided with an in-depth view of ongoing research and technological advancements in next-

generation battery systems, including developments in efficiency, safety, material innovation and battery management systems (BMS). The exposure to the ongoing research applications and innovation pipelines offered valuable insights into how emerging battery technologies support decarbonisation goals and enable scalable clean energy solutions.

This initiative underscores BCC&I's role in bridging industry with industrial innovation and research and enabling businesses to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving technological and regulatory environment. The visit also opened avenues for future collaboration between industry players and TCG Crest to accelerate innovation and commercialization in the energy storage domain. The delegation comprised of diverse set of sectors like - electric vehicle manufacturing, battery production, transport and logistics.

The organizations that joined us as part of the delegation were - Fleeto EV, Platinum Trucking, Speedigo, Milage Power, Unirox Bikes Pvt Ltd., TMIL, Krishi Craft and Mendine Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd.



Dr. Meera Mitra, Member and Advisor, BCC&I Sustainability National Forum & Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) during the opening session of the Summit



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L-R : **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group; **Mr. Keiichi Higuchi**, President, Kawasaki Rikuso Transportation (KRT); **Dr. Amit Mitra**, Hon'ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal; **Ms. Barbara Voss**, Consul General Of Germany in Kolkata and **Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri**, IFS, Former Indian Ambassador to EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and Nepal

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Chief Guest **Dr. Amit Mitra**, Hon'ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal during the session



Mr. Sudip Haldar, Chief Technical Officer, Jupiter Wagons Limited interacting with participants during the Summit



L-R : **Mr. Surojit Bose**, Advisor, Intucri Consulting; **Mr. Alope Mookherjee**, Former President, BCC&I; **Mr. Jaison Thomas**, Head Biodiversity and Natural Capital from Corporate Sustainability Department, Tata Steel; **Dr. Rupali Basu**, Sr VP and Regional Business Head- East & AP, HCG Cancer Hospitals and **Mr. Sudip Haldar**, Chief Technical Officer, Jupiter Wagons Limited during the session

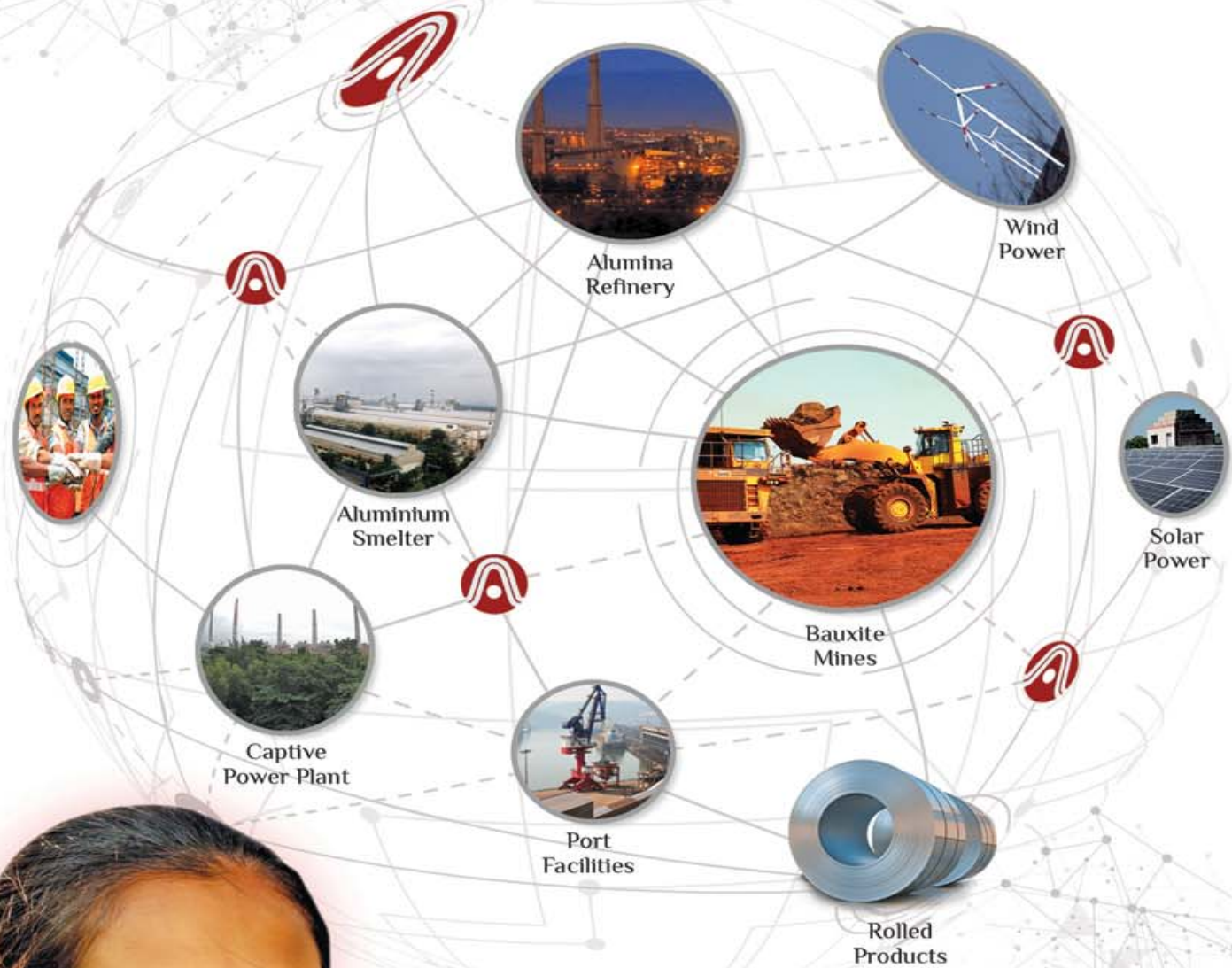


L-R : **Mr. Supriyo Sinha**, Chairperson, BCC&I Leadership Institute (BLI) and Director - Business Transformation & Corporate Strategy, The Peerless General Finance & Investment Company Limited and **Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri**, IFS, Former Indian Ambassador to EU, Belgium, Luxembourg and Nepal during the session



L-R : **Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee**, Assistant Director General, BCC&I; **Dr. Sangita Mitra**, Director, WWF – India; **Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty**, Mentor, BCC&I National Agri - Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee; **Mr. Mrinal Kanti De**, General Manager, West Bengal Regional Office, NABARD and **Mr. Rajiv Mondal**, CEO, Arogyam Medisoft during the session

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Distinguished participants during the Summit



Some Glimpses of the Learning Session on "Quality Management and Standards for Environment" on 6th March 2026

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15th EDITION OF BCC&I GNIT TECHNOLOGY QUIZ

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in collaboration with Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), successfully organized the BCC&I – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026, bringing together some of the brightest young minds for a day dedicated to knowledge, innovation, and intellectual engagement. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and distinguished guests, creating a vibrant platform for technological awareness and analytical thinking.

Delivering the Welcome Address, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, emphasized the importance of knowledge-driven competitions in enhancing students' intellectual abilities and encouraging them to remain updated with rapidly evolving technological advancements.

The gathering was further addressed by Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), who highlighted the growing importance of

collaboration between industry and academia in shaping future-ready professionals. He noted that initiatives like the BCC&I – GNIT Technology Quiz provide an excellent platform for students to develop analytical thinking, expand their technological awareness, and participate in meaningful intellectual engagement.

The quizmaster for this year's Quiz was Mr. Abhishek Kar, whose engaging and dynamic presentation made this edition both intellectually stimulating and entertaining for participants and the audience alike.

The competition began with the prelims round, where participating teams demonstrated their knowledge across diverse areas of technology and innovation. Based on their performance, the top 6 teams advanced to the final round, where they showcased exceptional knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork in an exciting and closely contested quiz finale. The first position was secured by the team from IIT Kharagpur, represented by Mr. Samyak Sheersh and Mr. Aditya Pal. The

second position was secured by Mr. Arun Majumder from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology and Ms. Sneha Santra from Techno Bengal Institute of Technology (TBIT). The third position was secured by another team from IIT Kharagpur, represented by Mr. Prakhar Sreegur and Mr. Pranjal Jharkharia.

The quiz concluded with the Valedictory Session, during which the winning teams were felicitated for their outstanding performance. The winners received cash prizes of INR 30,000, while the first runner-up and second runner-up were awarded INR 20,000 and INR 10,000 respectively, along with trophies, medals, and cheques in recognition of their achievement. In addition to this, Advent Education, an Esteemed Partner of the Quiz announced a special international scholarship award for the winners to pursue higher studies at Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Under this initiative, the winning team offered a scholarship worth USD 5000, while the first runner-up and second runner-up were awarded scholarships of USD 3000, USD 2000 respectively and USD 1000 for all the participants, further encouraging academic excellence and global educational aspirations.

The BCC&I–GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 was graced by an esteemed group of industry leaders, academicians, and corporate professionals who joined the event as distinguished

Guests. Among the eminent dignitaries present were Mr. Partha Sengupta, Senior Vice President (ISL) & Head- IT Shared Services, ITC Limited and Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I); Mr. Abhijit Pal, Executive Director, Alphaxine and Member, IT Committee, BCC&I; and Mr. Abhishake Dey Sarkar, Founder & CEO, Advent Education Pvt. Ltd.

The event was further honoured by the presence of Mr. Krishna Pada Das, Administrative Officer, Life Insurance Corporation of India; Mr. Surojit Roy, Co-Founder, Bharat Plus AI, along with his colleagues Mr. Diptam Chakraborty, Head of Customer Success; Mr. Chanchal Koner, Marketing Manager. Also present were Mr. Shantanu Barai, Founder & CEO, IAVerse; Mr. Sangam Chaturvedi, Project Manager, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC). The gathering was further enriched by the presence of professionals from diverse sectors.

BCC&I–GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 stood as a testament to the power of collaboration, curiosity, and knowledge. By bringing together academia, industry leaders, and young innovators, the event successfully fostered a spirit of learning and technological awareness, further strengthening GNIT’s vision of nurturing future-ready minds.



Ongoing registrations at the 15th Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz, 7th March 2026 at the Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus



Inauguration of the BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 by Lamp Lighting; (left to right), Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Deputy Director, BCC&I, Mr. Abhishek Kar, Quiz Master, Mr. Gaurav Majumder, Registrar, GNIT, Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Mr. Surojit Roy, Co-Founder, Bharat Plus AI, Mr. Abhishake Dey Sarkar, Founder & CEO, Advent Education Pvt. Ltd

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Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology delivering the welcome address of 15th Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz



Mr. Surojit Roy, Co-Founder, Bharat Plus AI addressing the quizzers and talking about how his app, Bharat Plus AI can be beneficial to the Student community of India



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Prelims of 15th Edition of Tech Quiz in progress



Final Round of the Quiz in progress



Winners of the 15th Edition of Tech Quiz 2025, Mr. Samyak Sheersha and Mr. Aditya Pal from IIT Kharagpur awarded ₹ 30,000 along with a trophy, medal, and other exciting prizes



The second position was secured by Mr. Arun Majumder from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology and Ms. Sneha Santra from Techno Bengal Institute of Technology (TBIT), and were awarded ₹ 20,000, along with a trophy, medal, and goodies



The third position was secured by another team from IIT Kharagpur, represented by Mr. Prakhar Sreegur and Mr. Pranjal Jharkharia, they were awarded ₹ 10,000, a trophy, medal, and additional prizes



Group photo of the Winners of the 15th Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz 2025 and the dignitaries who graced the Quiz for distribution of Prizes and other rewards

10th March 2026,
Science City Kolkata

16th MSME & MANUFACTURING CONCLAVE, EXPO & AWARDS
2026, THEME : INDIA'S MANUFACTURING MOMENT : SCALE,
STRENGTH, SELF-RELIANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

The 16th MSME & Manufacturing Conclave, Expo & Awards, organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I), was successfully held on 10th March 2026 at Science City, Kolkata, bringing together a powerful ecosystem of policymakers, industry leaders, MSMEs, defence establishments, financial institutions, and technology providers. At a time when global supply chains are being reshaped and India is emerging as a key alternative manufacturing hub, the conclave served as a **strategic platform to align policy, industry, finance, and technology toward a common goal — building a resilient, competitive, and future-ready manufacturing ecosystem.**

Opening & Context : A Manufacturing Moment for India

The conclave underscored :

- The importance of manufacturing in **economic security and employment generation**
- The role of initiatives like **PLI schemes** in boosting domestic production
- The need to reduce import dependence and move towards **high-value, technology-driven manufacturing**
- The growing relevance of sustainability and environmentally responsible production

It reinforced that India's manufacturing journey must be driven by a **convergence of finance, policy, technology, and sustainability.**

Voices of Leadership : Setting the Strategic Direction

The inaugural session brought together some of the most influential voices from industry and defence.

Key themes emerging from leadership deliberations included:

- **AI-driven manufacturing** as a catalyst for productivity and efficiency
- **Recycling and sustainable industrial practices** as a necessity, not an option
- India's readiness to emerge as a **global manufacturing powerhouse**
- The urgent need for a **skilled workforce aligned with industry demand**
- Stronger **policy support and institutional backing**

Importantly, defence representatives emphasized the integration of MSMEs into **large manufacturing value chains**, marking a critical shift in India's industrial strategy.

From Discussion to Action: Vendor Development & B2B Integration

A major highlight of the conclave was the **Vendor Development Program (VDP) and B2B sessions**, which translated policy intent into real business opportunities.

As detailed in the programme agenda MSMEs directly engaged with leading organisations including :

- GRSE
- Eastern Railways
- Exide
- Haldia Petrochemicals

These sessions enabled MSMEs to :

- Showcase capabilities
- Explore vendor registration opportunities
- Understand procurement requirements

Simultaneously, a **parallel RBI-led stakeholder consultation** provided a rare platform for MSMEs to directly interact with regulators on investment climate and credit challenges.

Exhibition & MSME Showcase : The Pulse of the Conclave

The **MSME Exhibition Zone** emerged as one of the most dynamic and engaging components of the conclave. With a **footfall of 350+ participants**, the exhibition area remained vibrant throughout the day, acting as a live interface between MSMEs and the broader industry ecosystem.

Participating Exhibitors

The exhibition featured a diverse set of enterprises, including:

- KSL Cleantech Limited
- Communities Heritage Limited
- Sun Agro Tech
- Aryan Garments
- JMAX Renewables
- Amani
- Tata Solar E&C
- Tally Solutions | Dynavision Technologies
- ASL Plastic

These exhibitors represented sectors such as **clean technology, renewable energy, manufacturing, garments, plastics, and digital solutions**, reflecting the diversity of the MSME landscape.

Beyond Display: Driving Real Engagement

Strategically integrated with networking and B2B sessions, the exhibition became :

- **A meeting ground for buyers and suppliers**

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- A space for **live product demonstrations and solution showcasing**
- A platform for **technology adoption awareness**
- A catalyst for **business collaborations and partnerships**

Sustainability & Global Market Access

Another key session focused on **sustainable manufacturing and export readiness**, with participation from :

- ECGC

The session emphasized :

- Alignment with global sustainability standards

- Export competitiveness and compliance
- Risk mitigation through export credit support

MSME Excellence Awards : Recognising Impact and Innovation

The conclave culminated in the **MSME Excellence Awards Ceremony**, celebrating outstanding contributions across sectors.

The ceremony served as a reminder that MSMEs are not just contributors but **drivers of India's industrial and socio-economic growth**.



Distinguished speakers and dignitaries during the inaugural session, setting the tone for India's manufacturing transformation



Focused B2B interaction between MSMEs and GRSE representatives, facilitating direct engagement and vendor onboarding discussions



Industry-MSME dialogue in action, as participants explore collaboration opportunities during Vendor Development sessions



Exhibitors showcasing specialised industrial solutions, highlighting the depth of MSME capabilities on the exhibition floor

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Active engagement at the exhibition zone, with participants exploring clean energy and sustainability solutions



Celebrating excellence as industry leaders felicitate outstanding MSMEs for innovation and impact



Interactive session with RBI officials addressing MSME challenges around credit access and investment climate

12th & 13th March 2026,
Virtual Platform

**ONLINE SEMINAR ON '360 DEGREE ANALYSIS –
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INCOME TAX ACT, RULES & FORMS 2026'**

 A promotional banner for an online seminar. It features a blue background with a calculator icon on the left and a document labeled "TAX" on the right. The text reads: "Online Seminar 360° ANALYSIS IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INCOME TAX ACT, RULES & FORMS 2026". Below this, it says "12th & 13th MARCH, 2026, 4:30 PM – 6.30 PM VIRTUAL PLATFORM". The BCC& logo is in the top right corner.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised an Online Seminar on '360 Degree Analysis – Implementation of New Income Tax Act, Rules & Forms 2026' on 12th March, 2026 and 13th March 2026 on Webex Platform.

On 12th March, 2026, Day 1 of the Seminar, Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP delivered the Opening Address. Smt. Surabhi Varma Garg, IRS Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax West Bengal & Sikkim Region, Government of India was the Chief Guest of the seminar and addressed the virtual audience on new Income Tax Act. Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation

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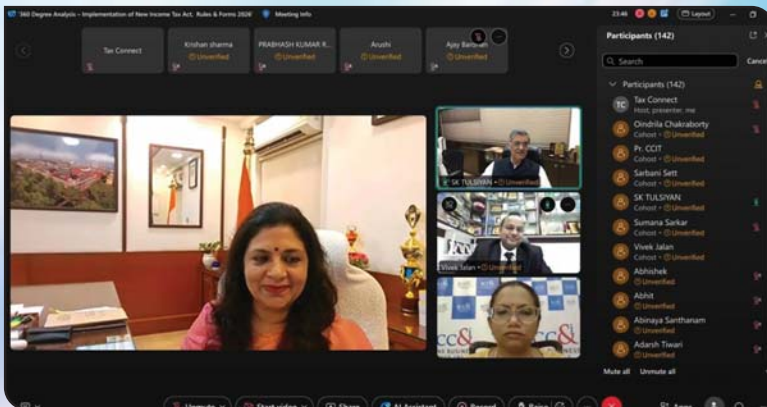
Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP was the speaker for the first session. Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) & Income Tax Rules 2026 (ITR'26) Implementation - in March 2026, Impact Analysis & Transitional Provisions, TDS & TCS Framework and changes required, Impact on Businesses of amendments in The 5 heads of Income, Impact on Employees and Payroll and Impact on NPOs, were the topics covered in the first session of Day 1 of the seminar. Shri S. K. Tulsyan Special Invitee, National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advocate, M/s S. K. Tulsyan & Co. joined us as our distinguished speaker for the second session of Day 1 of the seminar. He deliberated on the Impact of ITA'25 & ITR'26 on- Section 68 & 69 Family in ITA'61 Penalties & Offences Investigations, Assessments & Appeals MNCs, Individuals & NRIs. A brief Question- Answer session was followed with the participants engaging with the speakers, before the closure of the Day 1 session.

On 13th March, 2026, Day 2 of the Online Seminar Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP delivered the opening remarks and laid down the agenda for the day. The primary topics covered in Day 2 of the seminar were- Changes

in IT Rules and Forms in ITR'26 vis-a-vis IT Rules and Forms in ITR'62 and How Tax payers (Corporates, Firms, Proprietors & Individuals) should prepare for changed IT Forms. Mr. Rohit Sharma Joint Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP was the speaker for the first session of Day 2 of the seminar. He presented on the changes in ITR'26 vis-a-vis ITR'62 and how tax payers (Corporates, Firms, Proprietors & Individuals) should prepare for changed ITRs. Mr. Ajay Rotti Founder & CEO, Tax Compas was the speaker for the second session of Day 2 of the seminar and he deliberated on changes in IT Forms in ITR'26 vis-a-vis IT Forms in ITR'62 and how tax payers (Corporates, Firms, Proprietors & Individuals) should prepare for changed IT Forms and Budget 2026 amendments in ITA'25. A brief Question & Answer session, was conducted with the participants pouring their questions in the chat box and speakers referring to their questions and clarified the issues.

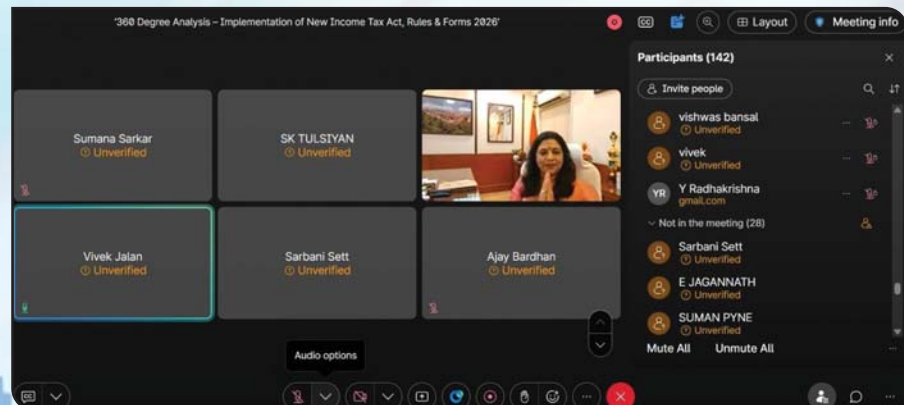
The closing remark was provided by Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP.

The Online Seminar was attended by around 150 participants from Pan India.

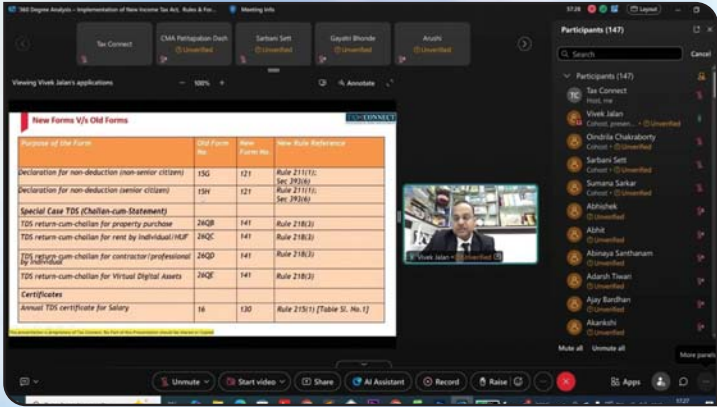


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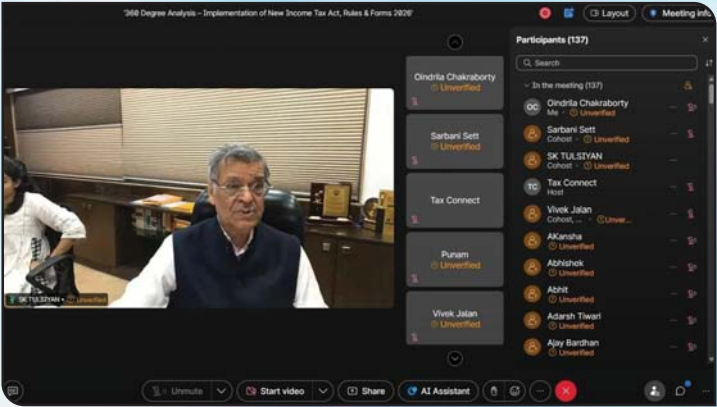
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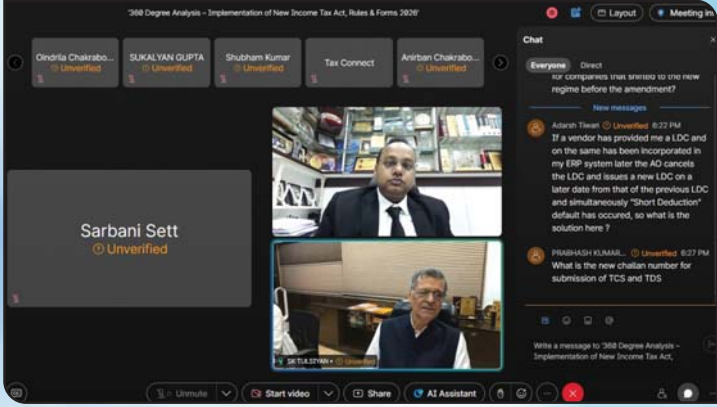
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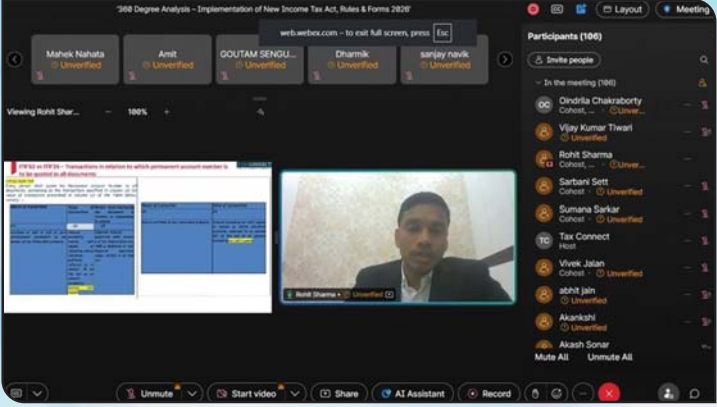
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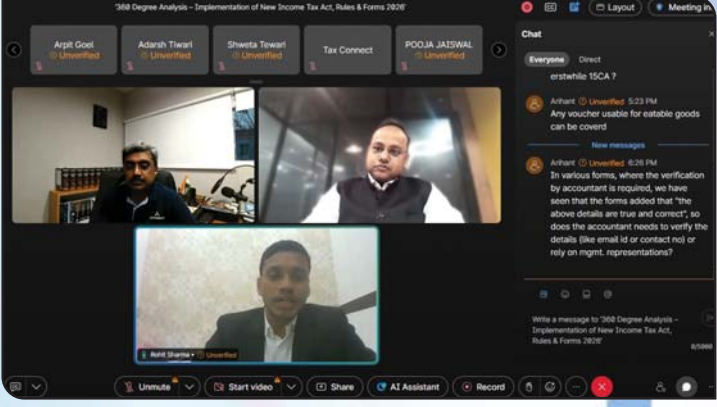
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Day 2 : Mr. Ajay Rotti Founder & CEO, Tax Compaas delivering on Budget 2026 amendments in ITA'25



Question-Answer Session in progress for Day 2 of the seminar

BCC&I Leadership Institute of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized DESIGN THINKING ONLINE WORKSHOP for Mid & Senior- Level Leaders. It was 16 Hours Online Workshop with Total 4 Sessions of 4 hours each, for 2 consecutive weeks, March 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st.

Programme Objective –

In today's business dynamics, Design Thinking has become significant. Innovative, collaborative mindset with creative problem solving-solution based approach is important across industry. Design Thinking focusses on the solution and with human- centred approach.

Participants learned –

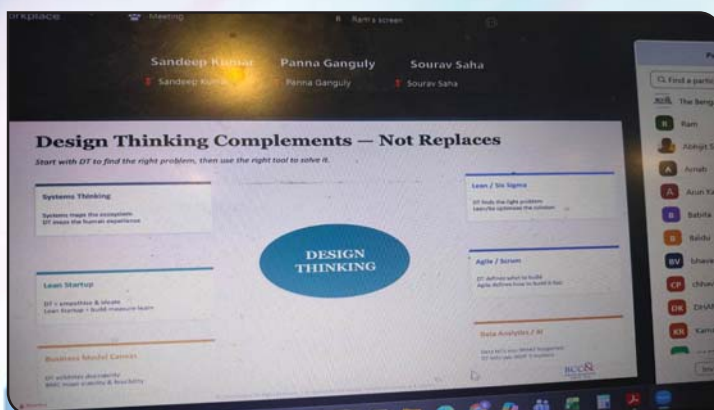
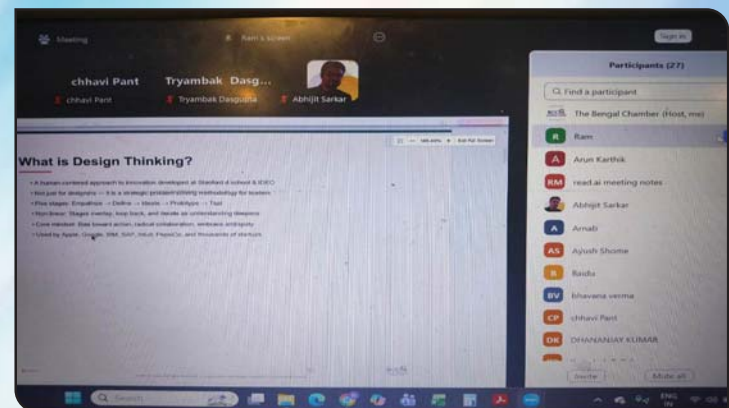
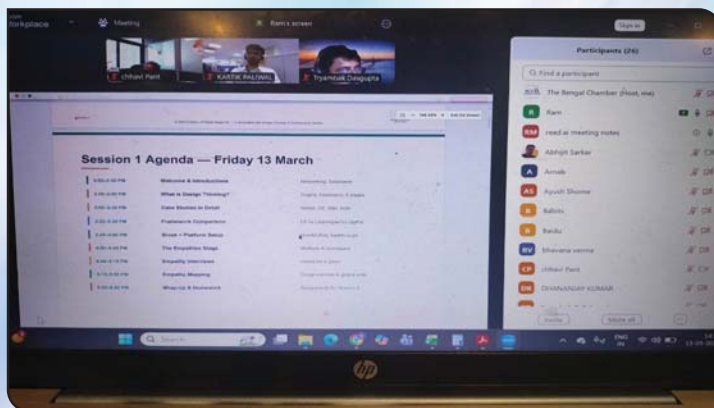
- **To Master the Design Thinking Framework –** Apply all five stages (Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, Test).
- **Lead Innovation Initiatives –** Facilitate workshops and build innovation capabilities
- **Apply Human - Centric Problem Solving –** Use empathy research to uncover opportunities
- **Rapid Prototyping & Testing –** Validate ideas quickly before major commitments.
- **Build Design- Driven Cultures –** Foster creativity and customer-centricity

- **Cross- Industry Learning –** Gain perspectives from leaders across diverse sectors.

More than 28 participants joined from various organizations like Capital Numbers Infotech Limited, PrediQt Business Solution Private Limited, Arcelor Mittal Design and Engineering Centre, Berger Paints India Limited, Marathon Electric Motors (India) Limited, Com Connect Consulting, Avahita Marketing & Consulting Services Private Limited, Oproprise Solutions Private Ltd, NTPC, PWC, Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd are among them PAN India participants joined from more than 12 cities like Delhi, Goa, Pondicherry, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Noida, Bangaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh), Ramagundam (Telangana).

The Training Session was facilitated by Rama Mohan Venkata Kadayinti, Trainer and Subject Matter Expert. He has held leadership positions across the Manufacturing, IT, ITeS and Start-ups. With total experience of 30 years, he is one of the Director of Entellus Consulting India Private Limited, Hyderabad.

BLI partnered with Entellus to architect the journey of creating Leadership excellence and transformation.



Glimpses of the session

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DESIGN THINKING ONLINE WORKSHOP



Glimpses of the session

13th March 2026,
5 Mad Men, Salt Lake, Sector V, Kolkata

5th EDITION OF PINK IT



The **Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I)** organised the **5th Edition of PINK IT** on **13th March 2026** at **Five Mad Men, Salt Lake, Sector V, Kolkata**, bringing together women professionals, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders from the technology ecosystem for an engaging and empowering forum.

Pink IT is a flagship initiative of The Bengal Chamber. Over the years, the forum has evolved into a dynamic platform that nurtures collaboration, confidence, and capability among women professionals and entrepreneurs. It fosters a strong peer network where participants exchange perspectives, share experiences, and discover practical approaches to navigate workplace challenges and leadership pathways.

The programme commenced with the **Welcome Address** by **Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and President & Group Chief Digital Officer, RPSG Group**, who warmly welcomed the distinguished speakers and participants and highlighted the growing importance of empowering women leaders in the evolving technology landscape.

The thematic discussion session was moderated by **Ms. Syeda Waseka, Brand Manager, RedoQ**, who steered a thought-

provoking conversation across several contemporary themes shaping the future of women in technology.

Ms. Minal Bhagat, Director, Ensonic Computech Pvt. Ltd. shared her insights on Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Economic Empowerment, emphasizing how innovation and entrepreneurial thinking enable women professionals to create sustainable enterprises and drive economic independence in the digital era.

Speaking on AI Fluency : The New Career Currency for Women in Tech, **Ms. Bandita Ghosh, Project & Delivery Manager, IBM Consulting**, highlighted the importance of understanding artificial intelligence beyond buzzwords and encouraged women professionals to build AI literacy to remain relevant and competitive in a technology-driven future.

Ms. Aditi Basu, Global Marketing Director, TCG Digital, addressed Strategic Decision-Making & Executive Presence, sharing practical perspectives on how women leaders can strengthen strategic thinking, build influence, and communicate with confidence in high-stakes leadership environments.

Ms. Sarmistha Guha Thakurta, Cloud Engineering Manager,

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BT Group, addressed Resilience, Confidence & Emotional Intelligence, highlighting the role of resilience and emotional intelligence in navigating professional challenges and leading with authenticity, empathy, and balance.

The event was also graced by the presence of **Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Kolkata**, and **Mr. Kallol Sen, Member, IT Committee, BCC&I and Executive Vice President & Regional CEO, CtrlS and Cloud4C**, whose presence added further significance to the gathering.

An interactive **Open House discussion** followed the panel, allowing participants to engage directly with the speakers and

exchange ideas. The evening concluded with lively post-panel engagement activities including a **Tambola/Housie session** and the **“2 Minutes to Fame” open stage**, where participants showcased their talents, creating a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie and networking.

The **5th Edition of PINK IT 2026** witnessed enthusiastic participation and concluded with vibrant networking, reaffirming the forum’s role as a meaningful platform for dialogue, empowerment and community-building among women in technology.



Welcome Address by Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and President & Group Chief Digital Officer, RPSG Group



Left to right : Ms. Syeda Waseka, Brand Manager, RedoQ; Ms. Minal Bhagat, Director, Ensonic Computech Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Bandita Ghosh, Project & Delivery Manager, IBM Consulting; Ms. Aditi Basu, Global Marketing Director, TCG Digital; Ms. Sarmistha Guha Thakurta, Cloud Engineering Manager, BT Group



Session Moderator: Ms. Syeda Waseka, Brand Manager, RedoQ



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Delegates of Pink IT 2026

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Participants playing Tambola



Participants engaged in 2-minutes-to-fame

TRACING KOLKATA'S CHINESE LEGACY, A CURATED GUIDED WALK WITH FOOD EXPERIENCE AND HERITAGE INTERPRETATION

14th March 2026
Tiretta Bazaar

The Heritage Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry successfully organized the Seventh Edition of Heritage Walk, titled "Tracing Kolkata's Chinese Legacy" on Saturday, 14th March 2026, from 6:30 a.m. at Tiretta Bazaar, Kolkata's historic Chinatown. The curated morning walk brought together heritage enthusiasts, cultural practitioners, and members of the community to explore the city's enduring Chinese legacy through a unique blend of history, culture, and culinary traditions.

Tiretta Bazaar, among the oldest Chinese settlements in India, occupies a significant place in Kolkata's cultural landscape. Developed in the late eighteenth century by Chinese immigrants, largely from the Hakka community, the neighbourhood evolved into a vibrant centre of trade, craftsmanship, and food innovation. Unlike many historical spaces that exist only in memory, Tiretta Bazaar continues to function as a living heritage, where traditions, faith, and food cultures remain actively practised.

This Heritage Trail was thoughtfully designed as a curated guided walk combined with a food heritage experience, offering participants an opportunity to engage with the area's layered narratives of migration, memory, and community life. Beginning at Tiretta Bazaar, the trail led participants through the narrow lanes of Old Chinatown, revealing stories of migration and settlement that shaped the neighbourhood. The walk included visits to several historic community landmarks such as Sea Ip Church, Toong On Church, Gee Hing Church, Yune Leong Futh Church, and Nam Soon Church, along with Chinese temples and other community spaces that reflect the spiritual and social life of Kolkata's Chinese diaspora. The walk was led by heritage expert Mr. Manjit Singh Hoonjan, who brought over 20 years of experience in curating heritage trails.

The group included a total of 32 participants, who were from different Indian states, along with a delegate from Singapore who was visiting Kolkata for the first time. The trail concluded

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with a visit to Pou Chong Kim, a Chinese-run retail establishment known for its sauces and traditional food products, offering insights into the culinary heritage and entrepreneurial traditions of the community.

By presenting heritage as a lived experience rather than a static past, the initiative aligned with contemporary approaches to heritage conservation, responsible cultural tourism, and inclusive urban storytelling. The programme was widely appreciated by participants for offering a meaningful and immersive glimpse into a lesser-explored chapter of Kolkata's multicultural history.

Walk started at Tiretta Bazaar → Old Chinatown Lanes v Sea Ip Church → Tong On Church → Chinese Temples and Community Spaces → Gee Hing Church → Yune Leong Foth Church → Nam Soon Church → Pou Chong Kim – Retail Shop.

Along with The Bengal Chamber, the Seventh Edition of the Heritage Walk was organized in association with Positive Barta; Supported by Intach and MCKV Group of Institutions. The entire initiative was hugely appreciated by all who participated.



Flag off of the 7th Edition of the Heritage Walk from the Tiretta Bazar area



Participants gathered in front of Tiretta Bazar Breakfast Street as heritage expert Mr. Manjit Singh Hoonjan narrated various tales related to memory and migration of the Chinese Community



Small statues and objects kept inside the Sea IP Church



The shrine inside the Sea IP Church, beautifully decorated in red and gold colours associated with prosperity and good fortune in Chinese culture, is dedicated to Guanyin, also known as Kwan Yin - Goddess of Mercy, war, love and also the protector of children

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Tiretta Bazaar



The statue of the Black Buddha, located on the ground floor of Toong On Church, which was also once home to Nanking, Calcutta's first Chinese restaurant



On the first floor of the Toong On Church is the shrine of Kwan Ti, also known as Guan Yu, originally a famous military general from ancient China



Participants assembled in front of the 114 year old building that now houses the Sei Vui restaurant, which once served as a dormitory for people who came from China seeking work in erstwhile Calcutta



The shrine inside the Yune Leong Futh Church, dedicated to several important figures of Chinese folk belief: most notably Lu Ban, the legendary patron deity of builders and carpenters; Ruan Ziyu and Liang Cineng, often referred to locally as the Ruan and Liang Buddhas; and Tong Atchew, the pioneering Chinese trader who established one of the earliest Chinese settlements in Bengal in the 18th century



Inside the Choonghee Dong Thien Haue Church, which stands as proof of Tiretta Bazaar being the oldest Chinatown in Kolkata



First floor of the Choonghee Dong Thien Haue Church

14th March 2026
Tiretta Bazaar

TRACING KOLKATA'S CHINESE LEGACY, A CURATED GUIDED WALK WITH FOOD EXPERIENCE AND HERITAGE INTERPRETATION



The shrine inside the Gee Hing Temple, dedicated to Guan Yu (also known as Kuan Ti), the legendary military general who later became deified and worshipped as a symbol of loyalty, courage, and righteousness



Mahjong — a traditional Chinese tile game



Inside the Nam Soon Church, which houses three deities generally associated with war, wealth, and the sea

18th March 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

PITCHING SESSION FOR START-UP HELD



Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre, successfully organized the “Pitching Session for Startup” on 18th March 2026 at The Bengal Chamber premises, in association with Zioks and supported by Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Kolkata.

The session served as a dynamic platform to connect promising startups with a distinguished panel of investors and mentors, facilitating meaningful dialogue, strategic insights, and potential investment opportunities. The Session witnessed participation

from investors across Bengaluru, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, and New Zealand, underscoring the growing national and international interest in the region’s startup ecosystem.

The programme commenced with a **Welcome Address** by **Mr. Deepak Daftari, Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt. Ltd.**

The event was further graced by **Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Former President, BCC&I, & Director, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited, Chairman, BDS Cube Technology Pvt. Ltd.** who shared his valuable thoughts and words of encouragement with the participants at the outset.

This was followed by a **Special Address and Presentation featuring Zioks by Mr. Kinkar Saha, Member, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Founder, Codeclouds and Zioks.**

An engaging **“Speed Dating with VCs & AIs”** format enabled early-stage startups to interact with investors, followed by a networking tea. The main segment of the programme featured **Accelerated Investor Pitching Session from ventures at proof-of-concept and growth stages**, presenting their business models, innovations, and scalability potential.

The pitching session featured an exciting cohort of startups, including :

Roopya, Mycelen AI, Neuroncy, BHARAT Plus AI, Sanity Gaming, Intuitive Robotics, Docxplor.

These startups showcased innovative solutions across emerging domains such as artificial intelligence, robotics, fintech, and gaming.

The session was evaluated by an eminent panel of investors:

- Mr. Aniketh MJ, Vice President – Investments, IvyCap
- Mr. Anush Prem, Principal, Inflexor Ventures
- Mr. Puru Modani, Co-Founder, BM Capital Family
- Mr. Bharat Oswal, Vice Chairman, JITO Incubation and Innovation Foundation
- Mr. Manoj Kumar Agarwal, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Seafund

- Mr. Kinkar Saha, Founder, Codeclouds and Zioks

A notable feature of the session was the **investor-led event summary shared prior to the closing segment**, where each shared valuable feedback, sectoral perspectives, and strategic recommendations to the participating startups. This interactive exchange significantly enriched the learning experience for the founders.

The session concluded with **Closing Remarks delivered collectively by the Chairperson, Mr. Deepak Daftari, Mr. K.R. Sriram, Co-Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startups National Committee, BCC&I & Founder, K Sriram & Co and Mr. N.K. Ghosal, Mentor, Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre and Director, NKG & Associates** reflecting on the success of the session and reiterating the importance of sustained collaboration between startups, investors, and industry bodies.

This was followed by a **networking cocktail and interactive session**, fostering deeper engagement among stakeholders. The initiative reflects the continued commitment of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) to **promote entrepreneurship, strengthen the startup ecosystem, and enable meaningful connections between innovators and investors.**

The session witnessed **strong engagement and encouraging traction from the investor community**, with several startups receiving keen interest, constructive discussions, and promising follow-up opportunities for potential collaborations and investments—marking the event as a significant step towards nurturing high-potential ventures.



Welcome Address by Mr. Deepak Daftari, Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt. Ltd



Expectation setting by Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Former President, BCC&I, & Director, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited, Chairman, BDS Cube Technology Pvt. Ltd

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Special Presentation by Partner featuring Mr. Kinkar Saha, Member, IT Entrepreneurs and Tech Startup National Committee, BCC&I and Founder, Codeclouids and Zioks



Glimpses of Speed Date Format for Early Stage Startups with VCs and Angel Investors at the “Pitching Session for Startup”, 8th March 2026, BCC&I Premises



Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Sudipta Kumar Ghosh, Founder, Roopya



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Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Aniket Pandey, Founder, Sanity Gaming LLP



Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Arian Aslam, Founder, Mycelen AI



Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Dhruva Ghosh, Founder, Neuroncy Healthcare Private Limited

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Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Diptam Chakraborty, COO, Bharat Plus AI



Glimpse of Accelerated Investor Pitching followed by QnA by Mr. Saptak Bhattacharya, Founder, Intuitive Robotics



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Closing Remarks delivered collectively by the Chairperson, Mr. Deepak Daftari



Mr. Aniketh MJ, Vice President – Investments, IvyCap sharing his inputs after the Pitching Session with the Startups in attendance



Mr. Anush Prem, Principal, Inflexor Ventures sharing his inputs after the Pitching Session with the Startups in attendance



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Group Photo

19th March 2026,
ITC Room

STRENGTHENING DISCLOSURES FOR NATURE-POSITIVE FINANCE IN INDIA : ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Advancing Nature-Related Disclosures in India's Sustainable Finance Landscape: Insights from a Policy Dialogue CUTS International, in collaboration with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, convened a high-level policy dialogue in Kolkata on March 19, 2026, at ITC Room, BCC&I Premises under its ongoing project on sustainable financing of forest-risk commodities in India. The dialogue brought together experts from academia, industry, and the sustainable finance ecosystem to deliberate on corporate disclosures, emerging nature-related risks, and their implications for India's financial architecture.

In his opening remarks, Bipul Chattopadhyay highlighted the need for a balanced sustainability approach, noting that while sustainable consumption has gained traction, the dimensions of sustainable production and procurement remain

underexplored. He emphasised strengthening linkages between these aspects to enable a more holistic sustainability framework.

Setting the context, Sanchita Chatterjee underlined the growing financial materiality of nature-related risks, particularly in forest-risk commodities. She pointed out that current corporate disclosure frameworks inadequately capture such risks, especially those embedded upstream in global value chains, and stressed the relevance of India's position in international trade.

A key area of discussion was the role of Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) as a potential framework for integrating nature-related disclosures, including deforestation risks. While some participants supported

expanding BRSR to address existing gaps, others cautioned against increasing compliance burdens, particularly for MSMEs. It was acknowledged that while large firms may adapt more readily, MSMEs face structural constraints and limited incentives, given the voluntary nature of such disclosures for them.

The dialogue underscored the importance of establishing a strong business case for sustainability, with economic viability identified as a key driver of corporate engagement. India's trade dynamics and the need to enhance export competitiveness were recognised as critical levers in aligning with global sustainability expectations.

From a financial perspective, credit was identified as a crucial instrument for promoting sustainable practices. Discussions explored integrating sustainability-linked criteria into lending frameworks, including assessing nature dependencies and risks. However, financiers highlighted the need for clear evidence of commercial viability and scalability before committing capital.

Participants also noted the challenges in identifying and

integrating nature-related risks into financial models, especially as these remain less developed compared to climate-related risks. The adaptability of MSMEs, which form a significant share of India's export base, emerged as a key concern. At the same time, there was consensus that the current moment presents an opportunity to advance discourse on nature-related risks. Greater convergence across policy domains-trade, finance, and nature-based solutions-was identified as essential for a more integrated approach.

The dialogue also explored broader themes such as aligning domestic disclosure frameworks with international standards, improving transparency in reporting, and recognising the role of local and indigenous knowledge systems. Emerging areas like natural capital accounting and biodiversity credits were highlighted as avenues for innovation.

The session concluded with a shared recognition that mainstreaming nature-related risks into financial decision-making will require a balanced mix of incentives for businesses, financiers, and consumers. As part of an ongoing series, the dialogue marks an important step in strengthening India's sustainable finance discourse.



Experts from industry, academia, and finance during the policy dialogue on nature-positive finance and disclosure challenges

A speaker sharing insights on integrating nature-related risks into financial and corporate decision-making frameworks



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WOMEN AT WORK IN THE BUSINESS WORLD : THE FACTOR THAT COMPLETES ORGANIZATIONS

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), organised the “WWW Conclave: Women (@) Work (in the business) World : The factor that completes Organizations” on 20th March, 2026 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber, Kolkata.

WWW Conclave – Women (@) Work (in the business) World was not a sermon on empowerment; it was a quiet reminder that incomplete leadership tables make incomplete decisions. Bringing forward real success stories of women leaders across Manufacturing, BFSI, Infrastructure, metals, mining, and beyond, the Conclave witnessed participation from: Ms. Sreedevi Nair, Executive Director, National Insurance Company Limited

Ms. Ritu Lohia, President, Jupiter Wagons Limited

Ms. Shruti Agarwal, Vice President, AMPL Resources Private Limited

Ms. Avantika Gupta, Director, Techno Electric & Engineering Co. Ltd.

Ms. Monika Agarwal, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited

Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Regional Head, India EXIM Bank and Member, International Trade Committee, BCC&I

Ms. Sushmita Gupta, DGM, State Bank of India

Ms. Dola Banerjee, Sr. Analyst, The Peerless General Finance & Investment Co. Ltd.

Ms. Tapati Das, Owner & Director, Jac Olivol

Ms. Chandroma Saha, Owner & Director, Saha Steel

Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 5, the WWW Conclave positioned women not as beneficiaries of inclusion, but as essential contributors to resilient institutions, economic growth and sustainable global progress making inclusion a strategic imperative, not a symbolic gesture.

The Conclave ended on a note that though presence of women is very less in sectors like Metals, mining and infrastructure the present day society is gradually changing with women leaders who are showing the path being present in mining sites, getting involved in mining engineering, bringing about sustainable construction, taking complex decisions relating to financial governance, risk management, crisis management and thereby redefining productivity and innovation.

However, on being asked what more needs to be done for inclusivity the answer was financial awareness, financial literacy, women sanitation in factories and above all a change in mindset where talent should be hired and paid for, not keeping in mind the gender.

The Conclave was well attended by Corporates, hospitals and

schools, majorly by women from various organisations that were most mostly members of the Bengal Chamber



The Opening Session witnessed participation from :
Ms. Sreedevi Nair, Executive Director, National Insurance Company Limited
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The Expert's Panel on "Completeness in Governance: Balance and the Modern Perspective" in progress.
Seen in the pictures are
Ms. Avantika Gupta, Director, Techno Electric & Engineering Co. Ltd.
Ms. Monika Agarwal, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited, and
Moderator, Mr. Vibhor Tandon, Director and National VP, MASA Forum, and Director, MMPL and Member, National
Finance and Banking Committee, BCC&I

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Expert’s Panel on “Navigating Challenges & Driving Inclusion in BFSI and other Service Sectors” witnessed participation from :
Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Regional Head, India EXIM Bank and Member, International Trade Committee, BCC&I
Ms. Sushmita Gupta, DGM, State Bank of India
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The Discussion was Moderated by: Mr. Rahul Banerjee, Founder & MD, PGP Academy and Member, Finance and Banking National Committee, BCC&I.

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Panel Discussion on “Beyond the Assembly Line: How Women Leaders are Re-Shaping Manufacturing and other allied sectors” that was moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I witnessed participation from Ms. Tapati Das, Owner & Director, Jac Olivol Ms. Chandroma Saha, Owner & Director, Saha Steel

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

13th Edition of Ratnagarbha, 10th May 2026, Kolkata

North East Business Summit, 22nd May 2026, Guwahati

Fifa World Cup Quiz 2026, 6th June 2026 at The Bengal Chamber Premises

17th Edition of Business IT Conclave, 19th June 2026, Taj City Centre, Kolkata

CSE, Training and Placement Cell and the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) Cell of AIEM organised an Industrial visit to Capsule Labs : 21.02.2026

The Department of **Computer Science and Engineering** in association with the **Training & Placement Cell** and the **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Cell, AIEM**, successfully organized an Industrial Visit on **21st February 2026**, for the **B.Tech. and BCA students at Capsule Labs, Salt Lake Sector II**

1. Tour of Facilities :

Students were given a guided tour of the office premises, including various operational units and workspaces. This provided them with a clear understanding of the company's workflow and professional environment.

2. Interaction with Industry Experts :

Professionals from different departments interacted with the students and shared valuable insights into project execution, client handling, research methodologies, and current industry expectations.

3. Live Demonstration :

A live demonstration of ongoing projects and technologies was presented, enabling students to gain a practical understanding of how theoretical knowledge is implemented in real-world scenarios.

4. Question & Answer Session :

An interactive Q&A session allowed students to clarify their doubts related to industry practices, career pathways, and skill requirements in the IT and research sectors.



Successful MoU Signing ceremony between AIEM and Bellmer India Private Limited : 24.02.26

On 24th February 2026, AIEM successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bellmer India Private Limited, having its factory at Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal.

The primary objectives of this MoU are to :

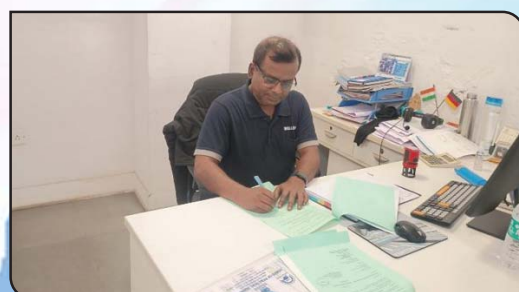
- Bridge the gap between industry and academia.
- Provide skill-based education aligned with industrial requirements.
- Enhance students' technical competencies through practical exposure.
- Promote industry-oriented training and outcome-based learning.

- Strengthen collaboration for long-term academic and industrial growth.

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of :

1. Prof. Jinia Datta, Principal, AIEM
2. Mr. Rajendra Rout, Unit Head – Workshop & Service, Bellmer India Private Limited
3. Dr. Prithish Kumar Ghosh, Training & Placement Officer, AIEM
4. Dr. Bikash Banerjee, Assistant Professor & HoD – ME Department, AIEM

The ceremony commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Prithish Kumar Ghosh, who emphasized the immense potential of this collaboration.



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AIEM organised an Expert-Led webinar on “Safety in Industrial Machinery” in collaboration with IEI Student chapter: 27.02.2026

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM), in collaboration with the Institution of Engineers India’s Student chapter, AIEM, successfully organized a webinar titled “Safety in Industrial Machinery” on 27th February 2026 at 04:00 pm onwards through the Microsoft Teams platform. The webinar was delivered by Mr. S. Kumar, Lead SME - Mechanical of L&T EduTech, who shared his extensive professional experience of design, compliance, and credibility of Safety in Industrial Machinery. The session witnessed an enthusiastic participation from 100 students, along with faculty members from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The primary objective of the webinar was to enhance students’ understanding of the importance of safety in modern industries and the impact of accidents on workers, productivity, and equipment.

Mr. Kumar began his session by explaining the need for safety awareness among engineers and operators, highlighting the common hazards in industrial machinery. Mr. Kumar then provided a comprehensive overview of various safety devices used in industries

and industrial machines. He also discussed elaborately on personal protective equipment their uses and importance. Additionally, he highlighted the safe operating practices such as, proper training before operating machinery, regular inspection and preventive maintenance, following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), keeping workplace clean and organized, and Lockout–Tagout (LOTO) procedure before maintenance.



Celebration of "KI ANANDA EI BASANTA" - A joyous Cultural Program organized by the Cultural Committee: 27.02.26

The Cultural Committee of Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management, Natungram, Mogra organized a cultural programme titled “Ki Ananda Ei Basanta” on 27th February 2026 to celebrate the festival of colours.

The programme was divided into two segments: a cultural programme and a Rangoli Competition. The Rangoli Competition added a vibrant touch to the celebration, where students created beautiful rangolis based on themes such as Vote for Education, Stop Violence, and Nature’s Love, among others.

Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural events including songs, dance, and recitation. The stage decoration was beautifully arranged with colourful kites, ribbons, colours, and hand-printed sarees, creating a festive ambience. Students from both Diploma and B.Tech. programmes contributed wholeheartedly to the decoration.

It was also encouraging to see faculty members participating in the cultural events along with the students. Prizes were distributed to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd position holders of the Rangoli Competition.



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Webinar on “Energy Perspective, Importance of Rooftop Solar PV Plants and Regulation of Regulatory Commission”: 18.03.26

A webinar on “Energy Perspective, Importance of Rooftop Solar PV Plants and Regulation of Regulatory Commission” was successfully organized on March 18, 2026, from 7:00 pm via the Google Meet platform. The event was conducted by the Department of Electrical Engineering, in collaboration with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI). The webinar witnessed active participation from around 100 attendees, including students, faculty members, and individuals keenly interested in the evolving energy landscape.

The session was delivered by Mr. Sujit Kumar Poddar, a highly experienced electrical engineer and industry expert. He completed his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (B.E.E.) from Jadavpur University in 1978. He began his professional career as a Project Engineer at Genelec Ltd., where he played a significant role in the construction of a 210 MW power station. Subsequently, he joined CESC Ltd., one of India’s leading power utility companies, where he served for more than 35 years. At present, he continues to contribute his expertise as a Consultant (Electrical) at MAKAUT.

A major focus of the session was on rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Mr. Poddar elaborated on the importance of decentralized energy generation through rooftop solar installations, which not only reduce transmission and distribution losses but also empower consumers to become “prosumers.” He discussed the technical aspects of rooftop solar PV systems, including system components, installation requirements, and maintenance considerations. He also highlighted the economic advantages such as **reduced electricity bills, return on investment, and government subsidies**, making rooftop solar an attractive option for residential, commercial, and industrial users.



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. GNIT (FT) Hosts International Alumni Meet (Industry Expert from Germany) on Food Safety and HACCP to Advance Sustainable Development Goals

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) organized an International Alumni Meet and Seminar on “Food Safety and HACCP Analysis as Tools for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” on 13th February 2026 through the Google Meet platform. The event was organized by the Department of Food Technology in association with the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) and the GNIT Alumni Association, with the aim of strengthening students’ understanding of global food safety systems and their crucial role in sustainable development.

The seminar featured Mr. Debjit Ghosh, Food Safety Specialist at MILEI GmbH, Germany, an accomplished alumnus working in the international food industry, as the keynote speaker. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 80 students of the 2nd and 3rd year B.Tech. Food Technology programme, creating an engaging platform for knowledge sharing, alumni interaction, and global industry exposure.

The programme commenced with a warm Welcome Address by Dr.

Dolanchapa Sikdar, Head of the Department of Food Technology, who introduced the keynote speaker and highlighted the growing importance of food safety management systems in the context of an increasingly globalized food supply chain. She emphasized that ensuring food safety is fundamental not only for safeguarding public health but also for achieving key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, and Responsible Consumption and Production.

Delivering an insightful and knowledge-rich session, Mr. Debjit Ghosh discussed the global significance of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) as a structured and preventive approach to food safety management. He elaborated on the core principles of HACCP, hazard identification techniques, and the determination of Critical Control Points (CCPs) in dairy and processed food industries. The speaker also highlighted the importance of risk assessment, preventive control strategies, and compliance with international regulatory frameworks that govern food safety standards across global markets.

Drawing upon his professional experience in Germany and the European food industry, Mr. Ghosh shared practical insights and real-world case examples that illustrated how well-implemented

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food safety systems help prevent contamination, reduce foodborne illnesses, and enhance consumer confidence. He further explained how robust HACCP implementation contributes to minimizing food loss and waste, promoting responsible production practices, and strengthening global food security, thereby supporting the broader vision of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The session also addressed the practical challenges faced by food industries while implementing HACCP systems, including regulatory compliance, quality assurance protocols, and the complexities of maintaining safety standards across international supply chains. These discussions helped students gain a clearer understanding of how theoretical knowledge is translated into real-world industrial practices.

An interactive question-and-answer session followed the presentation, during which students actively engaged with the speaker and sought guidance on international food safety regulations, emerging career opportunities in the global food industry, and the professional competencies required for working in multinational food processing organizations. The interactive dialogue fostered meaningful academic engagement and strengthened the connection between the institution and its alumni network.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Jayshree Mazumder, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the keynote speaker for sharing his valuable expertise and global industry perspectives with the students.

The seminar proved to be highly informative, insightful, and impactful, significantly enhancing students' understanding of HACCP principles, international food safety standards, and their critical role in achieving sustainable development goals. The interaction with an international alumnus also provided students with valuable exposure to global industry practices and professional pathways in the field of food technology.

Through initiatives such as this International Alumni Meet and Seminar, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology continues to strengthen industry-academia collaboration, alumni engagement, and global learning opportunities for students. Such platforms play a vital role in preparing future food technologists to contribute meaningfully to food safety, sustainable development, and innovation within the global food industry.



2. GNIT (CA) Hosts Industry-Focused Workshop on Java Spring Boot and AWS Cloud Deployment

We are pleased to share that the Department of Computer Applications (GNIT) organized an intensive hands-on workshop on “Building Java Spring Boot APIs with AWS Compute Services” from 17th to 23rd February 2026. The workshop was designed to equip students with industry-relevant technical skills in backend development and cloud computing, two of the most in-demand domains in today’s digital ecosystem.

The program commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Chiranjib Dutta, Head of the Department, Computer Applications, who highlighted the importance of practical learning and industry exposure in shaping the technical capabilities of students. A total of 36 enthusiastic students from BCA 3rd Year and MCA 2nd Year actively participated in the workshop and engaged in various hands-on learning activities.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Parameswar Das, Professor of Practice, GNIT, along with experienced industry experts from reputed IT companies who shared their practical insights from real-world software development environments. Their guidance helped students

gain a deeper understanding of modern application development practices.

The primary objective of the workshop was to provide students with practical exposure to developing RESTful APIs using Java Spring Boot and deploying applications using AWS compute services. The sessions focused on strengthening students’ backend development capabilities, while simultaneously introducing them to cloud infrastructure and deployment practices widely used in the IT industry. Through this initiative, the department aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world industry requirements.

During the workshop, participants were introduced to the fundamentals of REST APIs and backend application development using Java Spring Boot. Students learned how to set up projects, create REST controllers, manage HTTP requests and responses, and build scalable backend systems. The training sessions also covered the integration of applications with Amazon Web Services (AWS), providing insights into modern cloud computing environments.

A significant highlight of the workshop was the live demonstration of deploying Spring Boot applications on AWS compute services.

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Students were guided step-by-step on how cloud platforms support application hosting, scalability, and real-time deployment. These sessions provided participants with practical knowledge of cloud architecture and modern software deployment techniques, which are highly valued in the IT sector.

The workshop was highly interactive and included hands-on coding sessions, enabling students to actively apply the concepts they learned. Through collaborative exercises and guided practice, participants developed a clearer understanding of backend development workflows, API architecture, and cloud deployment strategies.

By the end of the workshop, students had successfully gained practical experience in building RESTful APIs using Java Spring Boot and deploying them on cloud platforms using AWS compute services.

The program significantly enhanced their backend development skills, cloud computing awareness, and confidence in building real-world applications. The sessions also inspired students to explore career opportunities in Java backend development, cloud engineering, and full-stack application development.

This initiative reflects GNIT's continuous commitment to providing industry-oriented learning experiences and preparing students to meet the evolving demands of the technology sector.



3. AICTE IDEA Lab GNIT Inaugurated: A New Hub for Innovation, Prototyping, and Future Technologies - Empowering Students to Transform Ideas into Real-World Solutions

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) under the aegis of the JIS Group proudly marked a significant milestone in innovation-driven education with the Grand Opening of the AICTE IDEA Lab GNIT (Idea Development, Evaluation and Application Lab) on 25th February 2026 in the GNIT Campus.

The state-of-the-art innovation facility was officially inaugurated by Sardar Taranjit Singh, Managing Director of JIS Group; Sardar Haranjit Singh, Joint Managing Director of JIS Group and Sardar Simarpreet Singh, Director of JIS Group. Before formally unveiling the lab, the JIS Group leadership offered floral tributes to Babuji, Late Sardar Jodh Singh Ji and Maataji, Late Sardarni Satnam Kaur Ji (Founder of JIS Group), seeking their blessings and remembering their visionary legacy that laid the foundation of the JIS Group's journey in education and nation-building.

Supported by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and developed in technical collaboration with Made in JIS, the AICTE IDEA Lab at GNIT has been envisioned as a dynamic hub for creativity, interdisciplinary learning, hands-on experimentation, and innovation-led technological development. The lab aims to empower students to transform ideas into prototypes and real-world solutions while fostering meaningful collaboration between academia, industry, and research organizations.

The grand inauguration ceremony was graced by several eminent personalities from academia, industry, and the research community. The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Tapas Chakraborty, Vice Chancellor of MAKAUT, highlighted the growing importance of research-driven technical education and applauded GNIT for establishing a facility that encourages students to engage in practical innovation and product development. The Guest of Honour, Swami Shulekshananda, delivered an inspiring address emphasizing the importance of integrating knowledge with values, discipline, and service to society.

The programme witnessed the presence of distinguished guests including Dr. Lipika Ghosh, Principal of St. Xavier's Institution (Panihati); Dr. Manidipto Mukherjee, Scientist at CMERI Durgapur; Dr. Nil Ratan Bandyopadhyay, Professor at IEST Shibpur; Dr. Subhas Panja, Professor at Jadavpur University; Mr. Soham Chakraborty, Founder of JIS Foundation; Mr. Saptak Bhattacharya, Founder of Intuitive Robotics; Mr. Hiranmay Talukder, Director of Trisita Engineering LLP; and Mr. Srikumar Ghose Choudhury, Managing Director and Finance Director of Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

The event commenced with a traditional Puja ceremony (performed by Mr. Chandan Bhattacharyya, Technical Assistant, ASHU and Mr. Asim Chatterjee, Technical Assistant, CSE) and followed by the formal inaugural session. The programme was gracefully anchored by Ms. Ipsita Chakraborty, while the auspicious Saraswati Vandana was beautifully presented by Ms. Deblina Sen, invoking the blessings of the Goddess of Knowledge.

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A Digital Lamp Lighting Ceremony symbolized the illumination of knowledge, creativity, and innovation. Delivering the Welcome Address, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, emphasized the institution's commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and experiential learning. He highlighted how the AICTE IDEA Lab would serve as a vibrant ecosystem where students can explore ideas, develop prototypes, and create technology-driven solutions for real-world challenges.

The ceremony included the felicitation of distinguished guests and a special video presentation showcasing the vision, advanced technological infrastructure, and facilities of the AICTE IDEA Lab. The presentation highlighted the lab's role as a collaborative innovation space designed to support design thinking, product development, rapid prototyping, and interdisciplinary experimentation among students and researchers.

Eminent speakers from academia and industry shared valuable insights into technological innovation and the future of engineering education. Dr. Manidipto Mukherjee and Dr. Subhas Panja spoke about the importance of scientific research, engineering innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration in modern academic institutions. Industry leaders including Mr. Soham Chakraborty, Mr. Saptak Bhattacharya, Mr. Hiranmay Talukder, and Mr. Srikumar Ghose Choudhury emphasized the growing need for strong industry-academia partnerships to accelerate technological advancement and entrepreneurial development.

A significant highlight of the programme was the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Intuitive Robotics and Megh Robotics, marking the beginning of strategic collaborations that will facilitate industry exposure, research opportunities, and innovation-driven product development for students.

The programme also featured presentations by the AICTE IDEA Lab

core team members. Dr. Barnali Kundu, Coordinator of the AICTE IDEA Lab at GNIT, elaborated on the vision and objectives of the lab and acknowledged the collective efforts that led to its establishment. Dr. Shantanu Dutta, Co-Coordinator of the Lab, highlighted the technical framework and future roadmap of the facility, while Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar of GNIT, appreciated the dedication and collaborative spirit of the entire team involved in bringing the initiative to fruition.

Following the inaugural session, the dignitaries were escorted to the AICTE IDEA Lab facility in a ceremonial procession led by student volunteers. The lab was formally opened through a traditional ribbon-cutting and coconut-breaking ceremony, symbolizing prosperity and a new beginning. The dignitaries were then given a guided walkthrough of the facility, where they explored the cutting-edge technological infrastructure and interacted with the core team members.

The event concluded with a group photo session, media interactions, and a networking lunch, providing an excellent platform for meaningful dialogue and collaboration among academicians, industry leaders, researchers, and students.

The successful inauguration of the AICTE IDEA Lab GNIT marks a significant milestone in GNIT's journey toward becoming a centre of excellence for innovation, research, and technology-driven education. The initiative will empower students to ideate, experiment, prototype, and innovate, thereby contributing to India's rapidly growing innovation and start-up ecosystem.

Through this initiative, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology continues to reaffirm its commitment to nurturing future-ready engineers, innovators, and entrepreneurs who will contribute meaningfully to technological advancement and nation-building.





4. GNIT (BBA-HM) Engages Students in Webinar on Future of AI-Enabled Healthcare Systems

The Department of Hospital Management (GNIT) organized an insightful webinar titled “AI in Healthcare” on 28th February 2026 through Google Meet. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from 58 Hospital Management students, reflecting the growing interest in the intersection of healthcare and emerging technologies.

The webinar was coordinated by Ms. Debatri Das, Assistant Professor, under the guidance of Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, Head of the Department, BBA (Hospital Management). The session aimed to familiarize students with the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern healthcare systems and hospital administration.

The resource person for the session, Mr. Sayan Ghosh, Business Development Executive, delivered an engaging and informative presentation highlighting the significance of AI-driven innovations in the healthcare sector. He provided valuable insights into how Artificial Intelligence is increasingly being used to enhance medical diagnosis, patient care, healthcare data analysis, and hospital management processes.

During the session, the speaker elaborated on several key themes, including the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare, the role of AI in disease prediction and diagnostics, the application of AI in healthcare administration, AI-powered medical technologies, and the challenges and future opportunities associated with AI integration in healthcare services. Real-world examples and case studies were also shared to help students better understand the practical implications of AI in healthcare delivery systems.

The interactive session encouraged active participation from students, who engaged with the speaker through thoughtful questions and discussions. The resource person addressed these queries with practical insights and motivated students to explore technological innovations and digital transformation within the healthcare industry.

The webinar successfully broadened the students’ understanding of emerging healthcare technologies and their potential to improve efficiency, accuracy, and decision-making in healthcare management. Overall, the session proved to be highly informative and inspiring, equipping students with valuable knowledge about the evolving landscape of AI-driven healthcare systems and encouraging them to integrate advanced technologies into their future professional pursuits.





5. GNIT (ECS) Signs MoU with Euphoria GenX to Empower Students with Industry Skills and Live Project Exposure

The Department of Electronics and Computer Science Engineering (GNIT) marked a significant milestone in strengthening industry-academia collaboration through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Euphoria GenX, Kolkata. The MoU signing ceremony was held on 2nd March 2026 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Hall of the institute and was organized by the Department of Electronics and Computer Science in collaboration with the Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC), GNIT.

The ceremony was graced by Sourav Ghosh, Senior Manager (Education & Training), Euphoria GenX, along with Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT. The event also witnessed the presence of Bapita Roy, Head of the Department of Electronics and Computer Science Engineering, along with faculty members including Ms. Santana Das, Assistant Professor, and Ms. Nabamita Paul, JTA, ECS, GNIT.

The collaboration with Euphoria GenX, an ISO 9001:2015 certified ITES organization based in Sector V, Salt Lake, aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements by providing students with opportunities for live projects, internships, research collaborations, and industry-driven skill development programs. Euphoria GenX is technically associated with Techno Exponent, a reputed software development company, further strengthening the scope of real-world exposure and professional training for students.

Through this partnership, students of GNIT will gain hands-on experience in cutting-edge domains such as Mobility Development, Web Application Development (WordPress, PHP, Laravel, MERN Stack, Frontend Development, Node.js), Web Server Administration, Systems Integration, Data Analysis, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, and Internet of Things (IoT). The collaboration will also facilitate technical seminars, expert talks, industry visits, and collaborative research initiatives, enabling students to stay aligned with the latest technological advancements and industry trends.

The primary objective of this MoU is to equip students with practical knowledge, industry exposure, and job-oriented technical skills, thereby enhancing their employability and readiness for campus placements. It will also encourage students and faculty members to engage in research and development activities and collaborative innovation in emerging technological fields.

The event proved to be both informative and inspiring, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and up-skilling in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape. The initiative reflects GNIT's commitment to fostering strong industry partnerships and creating a dynamic learning ecosystem that nurtures innovation, research, and professional excellence among students.

The MoU signing ceremony concluded successfully, marking the beginning of a promising collaboration that will significantly benefit students by providing them with valuable industry exposure, experiential learning opportunities, and pathways to successful careers in the technology sector.



6. Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), a member institution of the JIS Group family, in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&i), successfully hosted the BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026, a vibrant celebration of knowledge, innovation, and intellectual excellence on 7th March 2026. The event brought together some of the brightest young minds, creating a meaningful confluence of academia and industry. Charged with curiosity, competitive spirit, and collaborative learning, the quiz provided an inspiring platform for students to engage with emerging technologies while strengthening the vital bridge between academic institutions and the professional world.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 60 teams from across India, comprising students from diverse institutions, along with faculty members and distinguished guests. Their active involvement created a vibrant and intellectually stimulating platform

that fostered technological awareness, critical thinking, and healthy academic competition.

The program commenced with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, accompanied by the traditional Saraswati Vandana, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge over ignorance and marking the auspicious beginning of the event.

Delivering the Welcome Address, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, emphasized the importance of knowledge-driven competitions in enhancing students' intellectual abilities and encouraging them to remain updated with rapidly evolving technological advancements.

The gathering was further addressed by Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Deputy Director of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, who

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highlighted the growing importance of collaboration between industry and academia in shaping future-ready professionals. He noted that initiatives like the BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz provide an excellent platform for students to develop analytical thinking, expand their technological awareness, and participate in meaningful intellectual engagement.

The quiz competition was conducted by Mr. Abhishek Kar, whose engaging and dynamic presentation made the event both intellectually stimulating and entertaining for participants and the audience alike.

The competition began with a screening test round, where participating teams demonstrated their knowledge across diverse areas of technology and innovation. Based on their performance, the top teams advanced to the final round, where they showcased exceptional knowledge, quick thinking, and teamwork in an exciting and closely contested quiz finale.

In the final results, the first position was secured by the team from IIT Kharagpur, represented by Samyak Sheersh and Aditya Pal. The second position was secured by Arun Majumder from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology and Sneha Santra from TBIT. The third position was secured by another team from IIT Kharagpur, represented by Prakhar and Pranjal.

Following the competition rounds, the program concluded with the Valedictory Session, during which the winning teams were felicitated for their outstanding performance. The winners received cash prizes of INR 30,000, while the first runner-up and second runner-up were awarded INR 20,000 and INR 10,000 respectively, along with trophies, medals, and cheques in recognition of their achievement.

In addition, Advent Education announced a special international scholarship award for the winners to pursue higher studies at Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Under this initiative, the winning team offered a scholarship worth USD 5000, while the first runner-up and second runner-up were awarded scholarships of USD 3000, USD 2000 respectively and USD 1000 for all the participants, further encouraging academic excellence and global educational aspirations.

The BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 served as an inspiring platform that celebrated curiosity, encouraged intellectual exploration, and strengthened the bond between industry and academia. The event reaffirmed GNIT's commitment to nurturing knowledge, innovation, and future-ready professionals who can contribute meaningfully to the evolving technological landscape.

The BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026, hosted by Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Kolkata, was graced by an esteemed group of industry leaders, academicians, and corporate professionals who joined the event as distinguished delegates. Among the eminent dignitaries present were Partha Sengupta, Senior Vice President (ISL) & Head of IT Shared Services at ITC Limited and Co-Chairperson of the IT Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and

Industry; Abhijit Pal, Executive Director of Alphaxine and Member of the IT Committee of BCC&i; and Abhishake Dey Sarkar, Founder & CEO of Advent Education Pvt. Ltd.

The event was further honoured by the presence of Krishna Pada Das, Administrative Officer at Life Insurance Corporation of India; Surojit Roy, Co-Founder of Bharat Plus AI, along with his colleagues Diptam Chakraborty, Head of Customer Success; Chanchal Koner, Marketing Manager; Sumit Dutta, Executive – HR & Admin; Saptarshi Basu, Junior Engineer; and Soumojit Som, Junior Engineer from Bharat Plus AI.

Also present were Shantanu Barai, Founder & CEO of IAVerse; Sangam Chaturvedi, Project Manager at Centre for Development of Advanced Computing; and R. N. Lahiri, Director of Techno International Batanagar. The gathering was further enriched by the presence of professionals from diverse sectors including Senjuti Sutradhar, Marketing Manager at Park Street Social; Anita Addy, Director of Robotronics Station; Tamal Kanti Roy, Manager at Robotronics Station; and banking professionals Manoj Kumar, Rajneesh Raghunathan, Abhinandan, and Bankatesh Kumar from State Bank of India. Their presence added immense prestige to the event and reflected the strong industry–academia collaboration fostered by GNIT and BCC&i in promoting technological awareness, innovation, and intellectual engagement among students.

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) and BCC&i also express their heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed partners and sponsors whose generous support and collaboration contributed significantly to the grand success of the BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026.. The institute sincerely thanks the Platinum Partner, Advent Education, and the Diamond Partner, State Bank of India, for their valuable patronage and encouragement in promoting technological awareness among students. GNIT also extends its appreciation to the Round Partners, Bharat Plus AI and Softthinks, for their enthusiastic participation and support.

Special acknowledgment is due to the Technical Co-Partner, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), whose technical association enriched the overall quality of the event. The institute is equally grateful to the Associate Partners, IAVerse and RT Network Solutions, along with the Prize Partners, Techno International Batanagar and BEAS Consultancy & Services Pvt. Ltd., for encouraging the participants through their valuable contributions.

GNIT and BCC&i also appreciate the support of PromotEdge (Marketing Partner), Park Street Social (Hospitality Partner), Life Insurance Corporation of India (Industry Partner), Robotronics Station (Innovation Partner), The Das Gupta Sports (Gifting Partner), and Seven Boats (Social Media Partner). Their collective support and commitment played a vital role in making the BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 a memorable and impactful event, inspiring young minds to pursue innovation and excellence in technology. BCC&i – GNIT Technology Quiz 2026 stood as a testament to the power of collaboration, curiosity, and knowledge. By bringing

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together academia, industry leaders, and young innovators, the event successfully fostered a spirit of learning and technological awareness, further strengthening GNIT's vision of nurturing future-ready minds.



7. GNIT (Women's Cell) Celebrates International Women's Day 2026 with Empowering Theme "Give to Gain"

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) proudly celebrated International Women's Day on 10th March 2026, in a vibrant and inspiring manner, organized by the Women's Cell in association with the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC). The celebration was centred on the powerful theme "Give to Gain," emphasizing the importance of collective contribution, empowerment, and inclusive growth.

The programme commenced with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a soulful inaugural song, setting a dignified and celebratory tone for the event. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, delivered the inaugural address, highlighting the indispensable role of women in shaping a progressive and equitable society.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Bapita Roy, Convenor, Women's Cell, GNIT, who eloquently explained the essence of the theme "Give to Gain." She emphasized that meaningful contributions—whether in the form of time, knowledge, support, or opportunities—create a ripple effect of empowerment, fostering trust, growth, and a more inclusive environment for all.

The event was graced by a distinguished panel of guests who have made remarkable contributions in their respective fields:

- Smt. Anasuya Chakraborty, Officer-in-Charge, Community Policing Wing & Social Media Monitoring Cell, BKP Police Commissionerate
- Dr. Ivy Sarkar, Headmistress, Serampore Girls' High School
- Ms. Pampi Sutradhar, renowned social worker, fondly known as the "Blood Queen of North Bengal"

The dignitaries were felicitated by the Principal as a token of respect and appreciation.

A highly engaging panel discussion on the theme "Give to Gain" was conducted by Ms. Debashruti Ganguli, HoD, BHM. The speakers shared profound insights on the role of women in nation-building, stressing that empowerment is often driven by small yet impactful actions—supporting one another, creating opportunities, and amplifying women's voices. The discussion also addressed the need to overcome societal barriers such as prejudice, narrow mindsets, and bias, to enable women to thrive freely and confidently.

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One of the highlights of the event was the inspiring address by Ms. Pampi Sutradhar, who shared her remarkable journey of resilience and service. Travelling from Jalpaiguri to attend the programme, she spoke about overcoming challenges with determination, turning obstacles into opportunities, and the power of persistence in achieving meaningful impact.

Adding to the academic and creative spirit of the celebration, the Women's Cell officially launched the second edition of its newsletter, "SHAKTIRUPA 2.0," in the presence of dignitaries and editorial members. The newsletter serves as a dynamic platform showcasing the achievements, creativity, and voices of women across the GNIT community, reflecting their excellence in academics, research, co-curricular, and creative pursuits.

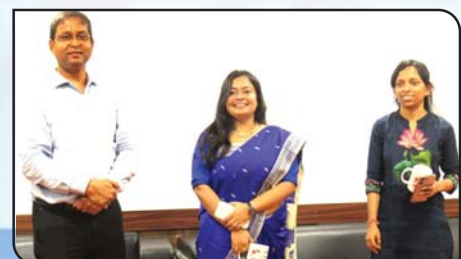
To encourage student engagement and creativity, the Women's Cell organized a Poster Making Competition and a Reels Making Competition, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across departments. The winners were felicitated with trophies, medals, and certificates, recognizing their creativity and expression.

The celebration was further enriched by a lively cultural programme presented by students, adding colour and vibrancy to the occasion.

A special moment of pride and appreciation was observed as all women employees of GNIT, including faculty, administrative staff, library personnel, admission team members, and Group D staff, were felicitated by the Principal in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the institution.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks offered by Dr. Bapita Roy, expressing gratitude to all organizers, participants, and guests for making the event a grand success. The celebration ended on a patriotic note with the National Anthem, followed by group photographs and a joyful cake-cutting ceremony, marking a memorable and meaningful conclusion.

The International Women's Day celebration at GNIT stood as a testament to the institution's unwavering commitment to empowerment, inclusivity, and holistic development, inspiring all to contribute towards building a stronger and more equitable society.



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8. GNIT Celebrates the Success of Food Technology Students in GATE 2026

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) proudly announces a significant academic accomplishment achieved by the students of its Department of Food Technology. Ms. Rituparna Das, a current student, and Mr. Sayamdipta Das Chowdhury (Batch of 2024), a distinguished alumnus, have successfully qualified in GATE 2026 under the XL (Life Sciences) category.

With commendable dedication and academic excellence, both candidates have secured an All India Rank (AIR) of 6507 along with a GATE score of 351. Their achievement reflects the spirit of perseverance, discipline, and intellectual curiosity that GNIT consistently strives to instill in its students.

This milestone is a testament to GNIT's strong academic ecosystem, experienced faculty mentorship, and its commitment to nurturing talent capable of excelling in national-level competitive examinations. The institute continues to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence required to achieve excellence in diverse domains.

GNIT extends its heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Rituparna Das and Mr. Sayamdipta Das Chowdhury on this proud achievement. The institute wishes them continued success as they move forward to achieve greater milestones and contribute meaningfully to the field of Life Sciences and beyond.



5-day Certificate Program on “Advanced Fermentation Technology”

The Center of Excellence in Biotechnology and the Department of Biosciences, JIS University successfully organized a 5-day Certificate Program on “Advanced Fermentation Technology” from 9th to 13th February 2026. The program witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 75 students and featured nine expert-led sessions covering key aspects of fermentation technology, including bioreactors, scale-up strategies, and downstream processing. The sessions provided valuable theoretical knowledge along with practical insights into modern fermentation practices. A highlight of the program was a special policy session delivered by an industry leader with over 20 years of experience, offering participants a deeper understanding

of industry perspectives and emerging opportunities in biotechnology. Overall, the program served as an engaging platform for learning and interaction, helping students strengthen their understanding of advanced fermentation technologies while bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industrial applications.



Research Publication by CSE Faculty

The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at JIS University proudly announces that Prof. Rajesh Bose and Prof. Sandip Roy have published their second research paper of the year titled “Edge-enabled Quantum-safe Real-time Vaccine Supply Chain Optimization.” The paper was published in the journal PeerJ Computer Science on 17th February 2026. The research focuses on developing a quantum-safe framework for secure and real-time



optimization of vaccine supply chains. The study highlights the integration of edge computing with quantum-safe cryptographic mechanisms to enhance the security, resilience, and efficiency of vaccine distribution systems. This work further builds upon their earlier research published in a prestigious Nature Portfolio journal, contributing significantly to advancements in digital healthcare infrastructure. The department congratulates both faculty members for their continued excellence and valuable contribution to research and innovation.

Inauguration of ACM Student Chapter

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at JIS University successfully inaugurated the ACM Student Chapter under the banner of Association for Computing Machinery on 19th February 2026.

The event began with an inaugural ceremony followed by insightful talks by eminent speakers. An engaging podcast session and an

exciting tech quiz competition were also organized, with prizes distributed to the winners. The establishment of the ACM Student Chapter marks a significant step towards fostering innovation, research, hackathons, symposiums, and stronger industry–academia collaboration. This initiative aims to provide students with greater global exposure and hands-on learning opportunities in the field of computing. The occasion concluded with memorable moments that celebrated the beginning of a new chapter for the university’s computing community.



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6th Convocation Ceremony – A Celebration of Excellence

On 21st February 2026, JIS University successfully hosted its 6th Annual Convocation Ceremony at Science City Auditorium, Kolkata, celebrating the achievements and academic excellence of its graduating students. The ceremony featured addresses by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Goutam Ghosh, Chancellor Sardar Taranjit Singh, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Bhaskar Gupta. Distinguished speakers included Guest of Honour Pinaki Chandra Ghose, India's first Lokpal

and former Supreme Court Judge, and Chief Guest Dr. Shiv Kumar Sarin, Padma Bhushan awardee and Chancellor & Director of ILBS, New Delhi. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sanghamitra Kundu, Controller of Examinations. The occasion brought together members of the Governing Board, Academic Council, faculty, and distinguished guests from academia, research, and industry to celebrate the success of the graduating batch.



JIS University proudly represented at the Chess Competition organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

Students of JIS University proudly represented the institution at the Chess Competition organized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and hosted at Adamas University. Their participation reflects strategic thinking, discipline, and a strong commitment to excellence in competitive arenas. We commend their dedication and wish them continued success in all future endeavors.



JIS University welcomes delegation from Ethiopia for Educational Exchange Program on 9th March

On 9th March, JIS University warmly welcomed a distinguished delegation from Ethiopia as part of an Educational Exchange Program aimed at strengthening international academic collaboration. The visit marked an important step toward fostering global partnerships and promoting mutual learning between institutions. The university expressed its honor in hosting the esteemed delegates and highlighted its commitment to encouraging cross-cultural

engagement, knowledge sharing, and academic excellence. During the program, discussions focused on expanding opportunities for educational cooperation, enhancing cultural understanding, and exploring innovative approaches to teaching, research, and student exchange. The interaction provided a valuable platform for building meaningful international relationships and identifying areas of shared interest in higher education. The occasion reflected JIS University's continued efforts to develop strong global networks and create opportunities for collaborative learning, research, and innovation across borders.



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Exposure Visit of Agriculture Students to Seed Production Farm

On 9th March 2026, the 2nd Semester Agriculture students of JIS University participated in an educational exposure visit to the Seed Production Farm of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya at Kalyani. The visit provided students with practical insights into the seed production methods of various Rabi crops, helping them

understand the application of theoretical knowledge in real agricultural practices. Experts at the farm guided the students through different stages of seed production and crop management. The exposure visit proved to be a valuable learning experience, strengthening students' practical knowledge and preparing them for future roles in the agricultural sector.



Industrial Visit by CSE Students to Prasarnet Consulting Pvt. Ltd.

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at JIS University organized an industrial visit on 12th March to Prasarnet Consulting Pvt Ltd for the 1st and 2nd year B.Tech CSE students. During the visit, students gained valuable exposure to real-world

software tools and learned about the functioning of the software industry. The experience helped them connect their academic knowledge with practical industry practices. The department also



TCS Leadership Connect Programme

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Narula Institute of Technology, under the aegis of JIS Group Educational Initiatives, organized the TCS Leadership Connect



International Mother Language Day

In observance of International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2026, Narula Institute of Technology honoured the significance of linguistic heritage and remembrance. Through heartfelt cultural performances including recitations, free verse, and soulful songs, students paid tribute to the martyrs of the language movement.



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Participation in Bharat Nirmaan Challenge

The Department of Civil Engineering students of Narula Institute of Technology proudly participated in the Bharat Nirmaan Challenge,

organized by The Times of India and NICMAR University in association with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



Women's Day Celebration

Narula Institute of Technology hosted an inspiring and insightful session on 8th March, 2026 celebrating International Women's Day as Calcutta Times, in association with JIS Group Educational Initiatives,

presented "The Future is She – Season 5." The panel brought together accomplished women from diverse fields who shared their experiences, knowledge, and perspectives on women's health, education, empowerment, and leadership.



MoU with National Small Industries Corporation

Narula Institute of Technology signed an MoU with National Small Industries Corporation–Technical Services Centre, Howrah on 11th March, 2026. Prof. (Dr.) Subhram Das, Principal-in-Charge, NiT, and

Ms. Nitika Anand, General Manager, NSIC Ltd. The collaboration will foster research, innovation, and skill development across Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics, Civil, Computer Science, and allied disciplines, strengthening industry–academia engagement.



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IEEE TEMS Student Branch Chapter Inaugurated at NiT

The IEEE Technology and Engineering Management Society (TEMS) Student Branch Chapter was inaugurated at Narula Institute of

Technology, promoting innovation, technology management, and leadership among students of the Department of Business Administration.



Session on Careers and Employability in the Age of AI & Industry

Dr. Rishi Jain from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, who serves as the Program Director of the Global Immersion Program

and Managing Editor of the International Journal of DeepTech in Medical Science and Technology, delivered an insightful session on “Future of Work: Careers and Employability in the Age of AI & Industry 5.0” at Narula Institute of Technology.



One-day technical seminar on “IoT and AI in Smart Applications”

The Department of Computer Science and Technology (CST), Narula Institute of Technology, organized a one-day technical seminar on “IoT and AI in Smart Applications” on 17th March 2026 in collaboration

with the IEEE Computer Society, Kolkata Section. The session was delivered by Dr. Suparna Biswas, who highlighted the role of IoT and AI in smart systems, with applications in agriculture, healthcare, and automation.

