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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,

Warm greetings to all of you.

As we step into May 2025, India stands at a defining moment—now ranked as the world's 4th largest economy with a GDP of \$4.19 trillion. This milestone reflects our resilience, innovation, and ambition, driven by strong domestic demand, revitalized manufacturing, and a fast-growing digital services sector. Despite global headwinds—from geopolitical tensions to climate-related disruptions—India's structural strengths, reform-oriented governance, and demographic dividend continue to fuel its steady rise. We take pride in this progress and also salute the unwavering dedication of our armed forces, whose success in Operation Sindoor underscores their vital role in ensuring national security and regional stability.

Globally, the landscape remains dynamic, shaped by stubborn interest rates, shifting alliances, and rapid advances in AI and green energy. In the midst of this complexity, India stands out as a reliable, future-ready economic force. The recently concluded Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom marks a major step in India's global trade integration—set to boost exports, enhance market access, and deepen investment ties. Complemented by initiatives like the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) and strengthened partnerships across the Global South and Indo-Pacific, India's geoeconomic influence continues to expand. Domestically, strategic investments in semiconductors, digital public infrastructure, and clean energy are driving transformative change. Programs such as Viksit Bharat@2047, Make AI in India, and the growing ONDC platform are reshaping the future—anchoring India's journey toward a tech-powered, globally connected, and sustainable economy.

With this dynamic backdrop, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry remains committed to advancing thought leadership, sectoral dialogue, and policy advocacy that empower our members and stakeholders.

In April and May 2025, we undertook several impactful initiatives, including BCC&i's Economic Roundtable, The Bengal Chamber Ratnagarbha 2025, the Look East AgTech Summit, and the 3rd edition of Ahare Sekal Ekel—each reinforcing our commitment to cross-sectoral engagement and inclusive growth.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to present a rich and forward-looking calendar of activities, including the 3rd Edition of the Nursing Conclave, the 4th Edition of Pedal Through Heritage 2025, and the 16th Edition of the Business IT Conclave—all designed to inspire, inform, and connect our diverse stakeholder community.

Each of these endeavours reflects our belief that resilience lies at the intersection of innovation, sustainability, and inclusive dialogue. We are actively curating platforms that respond to the pressing needs of today's fast-evolving economic landscape while nurturing the connections that will shape tomorrow. I invite all our members, committee leaders, and partners to continue engaging deeply with our activities. Your participation, insights, and leadership are what keep our vision dynamic and impactful.

Let us navigate this transformative year together—with purpose, partnership, and a shared commitment to building a stronger, more connected future.

Sd/-
Arnab Basu
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited and RedoQ Software Services Pvt. Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 29th April 2025.



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

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PROGRAMME

THE BENGAL CHAMBER “MINDKRAFT” – AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

2nd May 2025,
DPS Durgapur

The Bengal Chamber “MINDKRAFT” – An Inter-School Quiz Competition held on 2nd May at DPS Durgapur. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry successfully organized “MINDKRAFT – an Inter-School Quiz Competition” on May 2, 2025, at Delhi Public School, Durgapur. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 100 students forming 50 teams, representing prominent schools from the Durgapur, Asansol, Raniganj, Ukhra, and Burdwan zones.

Participating schools included DAV Raniganj, DPS Durgapur, St. Michael's School, Magnus Global School, AAJ Global Foundation School, Srihari Global School, Guru Tegh Bahadur Public School, Techno India Group Public School Durgapur,

Assembly of God Church School Ukhra, NANDLAL JALAN SHIKSHA SADAN Raniganj (A Unit of Techno India Group), Zoom International School, and others.

Magnus Global School emerged as the winner, with Saranya Ghosh from the same school being awarded the “Best Quizzer.” Assembly of God Church School, Ukhra, and DICV Public High School secured the first and second runner-up positions respectively.

The initiative was widely appreciated by students, educators and institutions across the region for promoting academic engagement and intellectual exchange among young minds.



Registration in progress



Partner Standees being displayed during the event



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THE BENGAL CHAMBER "MINDKRAFT" –
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Partner Standees being displayed during the event



Inauguration ceremony



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, BCC&I, and Quiz Master Mr. Arup Ghosh



The Quiz in full swing



Preliminary Round

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Trophies, medals and gift hampers of the competition



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



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



Quiz Master Mr. Arup Ghosh with the finalist teams



Finalist Team - ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL



Finalist Team - ZOOM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Finalist Team - DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, DURGAPUR



Finalist Team - AAJ GLOBAL FOUNDATION SCHOOL



Finalist Team - DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL, RANIGUNJ



2nd Runner Up Team - DICV PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL



1st Runner Up Team - Assembly of God Church, Ukhra



Best Quizzer - Saranya Ghosh

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Winning Team - MAGNUS GLOBAL SCHOOL



The team behind the successful event



Top three teams from the Quiz Competition

BCC&I'S ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE 2025

8th May 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in collaboration with Nikore Associates, successfully hosted an Economic Roundtable on “Enhancing Female Workforce Participation: A Strategic Framework for Economic Inclusion” on 8th May 2025, at the Chamber premises. The Roundtable brought together eminent experts from academia, government, development organizations, industry, and think tanks to deliberate on strategic interventions to accelerate female labour force participation in India.

This initiative was grounded in the urgency of addressing the persistent and multidimensional challenges hindering women's participation in India's formal economy. Despite signs of improvement, India's Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) continues to exhibit stark disparities and remains below its potential. From a modest 24.1% in 1955, the rate had dipped to 23% in 2017, only to witness a rise to 37% in 2022–23. Recent data highlights that while rural participation has increased by 14 percentage points, urban participation still lags at 25.4%.

With over 100 delegates in attendance, including corporate leaders, social impact professionals, academics, students, and representatives from the government and international institutions, the Roundtable provided a platform for thoughtful discussion, knowledge exchange, and actionable policy recommendations.

Opening Session

The programme commenced with an **Inaugural Address** delivered by **Prof. Dr. Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I**. Dr. Raychaudhuri set the tone by emphasizing the need for a gender-balanced workforce for sustainable economic growth, highlighting the untapped potential of India's women.

This was followed by a **Thematic Address and Context Setting** by **Ms. Mitali Nikore, Founder & Chief Economist, Nikore**

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Associates, who presented a data-driven overview of trends and gender disparities in the Indian labour market. Ms. Nikore emphasized structural constraints such as lack of care infrastructure, inflexible workplace policies, safety concerns, and deep-rooted socio-cultural norms which continue to limit women's economic participation despite improvements in educational attainment.

The Roundtable Discussion

The Roundtable Discussion, featured a distinguished panel of thought leaders and practitioners:

- Ms. Praveen Kumari Singh, Former Advisor, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India
- Ms. Veena Bandyopadhyay, Social Policy Specialist (Social Protection), UNICEF
- Dr. Meera Mitra, Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business and Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I
- Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee, Former IAS Officer and ADB Member; President, Global Forum for Sustainable Rural Development; Visiting Senior Fellow, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi; Chief Economic Advisor, National Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I; and Country Coordinator, Association of Former Employees of ADB (India)
- Dr. Meera Mitra, Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business and Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I
- Mr. Navonil Das, Vocational Training and Labour Advisor, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
- Mr. Arijit Dutta, Advisor, Bandhan Konnagar
- Ms. Sonali Bhattacharya, Vice President, LTIMindtree
- Ms. Dipannita Pal, Project Manager, Workmates

Each discussant contributed insights from their respective domains, providing a well-rounded understanding of the current ecosystem and suggesting actionable measures. Discussions revolved around policy interventions, workplace reforms, vocational and digital skilling, promotion of women

entrepreneurship, flexible working models, inclusive social protection systems, and multi-sectoral collaboration.

Special Segment

This segment featured a **Presentation by Representatives of College Lab**, who showcased findings and recommendations based on their fieldwork and research. Their participation added a fresh perspective and highlighted the role of academia and youth in driving the agenda for gender inclusion.

Key Themes Explored

- 1. Gender-Inclusive Policies :**
Advocating for labour policies and frameworks that ensure equal opportunity and safety for women across sectors.
- 2. Women's Empowerment and Economic Participation:**
Addressing barriers including care responsibilities, social norms, mobility restrictions, and safety concerns.
- 3. Training and Skill Development :**
The need to align vocational training programs with current and future market needs, with a focus on digital and green jobs.
- 4. Supportive Ecosystems for Women Entrepreneurs:**
Enabling access to finance, business development services, and market linkages tailored for women-led enterprises.
- 5. Collaborative Stakeholder Engagement :**
Reinforcing the importance of synergistic collaboration between government, corporates, development agencies, and academic institutions.

Outcome and Way Forward

The **primary outcome** of this Economic Roundtable will be a **comprehensive report** jointly developed by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Nikore Associates. This report will compile **evidence-based policy recommendations** aimed at the **Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE)** and the **Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD)** at both **Central and State levels**. It is envisioned to serve as a strategic guide for actionable reforms and targeted programs that can significantly enhance female participation in India's workforce.

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Economic Roundtable in Progress



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Presentation by students of College Lab



Presenting the Mementos to our Esteemed Speakers

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The Distinguished Panel for the Economic Roundtable

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Esteemed Audience Present in the Roundtable



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BCC&I Leadership Institute (BLI)'s Inaugural Workshop on Mastering Leadership : The First Big Leap in Leadership,

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) has launched **BCC&I Leadership Institute (BLI)** with offerings ranging from training programmes and workshops to certification courses focused on management / technology development and leadership training on a common platform from which the vertical-specific offerings could be strategized, streamlined, targeted, branded and marketed to the clients (corporates / businesses / industries / governments).

The **BLI** embodies BCC&I's commitment to consolidating and enhancing these initiatives. It is envisioned as a continuous learning platform providing targeted, impactful training and leadership development opportunities. The goal is to strategize, streamline, and market these specialized offerings under a unified, distinguished brand, while also focusing on capacity building for Member Organisations on relevant and contextual topics, and collaborating with leading academia from India and abroad. It is more than just a learning platform; it is a catalyst for professional growth and business excellence. By integrating the best existing programs and creating new, innovative offerings, BCC&I is committed to helping its members and partners reach their highest potential.

The Committee comprises, **Mr. Supriyo Sinha**, Executive Director - Business Transformation & Corporate Strategy, PGFI (Peerless Parent company), Director - Peerless Hospital, Peerless Hotels, Peerless Financial Services, Bengal Peerless (Peerless Housing) as the Chairperson, **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries Limited as the Mentor and **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Immediate Past President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RPSG Group as the Special Invitee Member.

Towards this BLI organized its inaugural workshop on **Mastering Leadership : The First Big Leap in Leadership on 10th May 2025** at the BCC&I premises. The workshop was designed for mid-level professionals aspiring to be LEADERS.

This specially curated workshop delved in to the following key aspects of being a Leader :

- The differences between performing well as an individual and performing well as a leader of a team.
- How does one adapt to become a strong leader in today's ever changing business environment?
- How does one handle the diversity of individuals in a team?
- Breaking Leadership Myths.
- Strengthening Your Team and
- 3E's of Leadership.

The session was conducted by **Mr. Supriyo Sinha** and **Mr. Soumendra Mohan Basu**.

Mr. Sinha is a Business and leadership transformation specialist with 20+ years of experience across national & MNC firms including McKinsey & Co. and Axis Bank. He was Awarded India's Man of Excellence in Business Transformation at the Asian Business Leadership Award, 2024 and Best Director in mid-sized corporate at the Bombay Stock Exchange 2025. An Alumni of Harvard Business School, INSEAD Business School and President's Gold Medalist from IIM Calcutta, Mr. Sinha is also the leader of McKinsey's leadership practice in Asia and leader of performance management system of topmost leadership group at Axis Bank.

Mr. Basu is the Chairman of Endurance Technologies, a global firm of turnover more than INR 10,000 cr, Former Chairman of Manpower India (a Fortune 500 group company); current Chairman of Peerless Hotels and members of Board of Peerless parent company and Peerless Hospital with over 33 years of experience across SBI and Standard Chartered Bank (including COO – India Region). He is also a Certified Leadership coach having groomed leaders across Bajaj Financial, EY, Jubilant Group, Shoppers Stop, Tata Group etc.

The workshop was also graced by **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries Limited and **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Immediate Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group who shared their Leadership perspectives. 55 participants joined the session from various organizations representing multiple sectors like Logistics, Engineering, Infrastructure and Construction, Energy and also services industry including NBFCs, Insurance & BPO, Consultancy, Information Technology and others.

Certificates were provided to the participants by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Mr. Supriyo Sinha delivering the Welcome Address

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From L-R: Mr. **Soumendra Mohan Basu**, Chairman of Endurance Technologies, Former Chairman of Manpower India and Certified leadership coach, Mr. **Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries Limited, Mr. **Gautam Ray**, Immediate Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group and Mr. **Supriyo Sinha**, Chairperson, BCC&I Leadership Institute (BLI) and Executive Director - Business Transformation & Corporate Strategy, PGFI (Peerless Parent company), Director - Peerless Hospital, Peerless Hotels, Peerless Financial Services, Bengal Peerless (Peerless Housing)



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries Limited sharing his Leadership perspective



Mr. Gautam Ray, Immediate Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group sharing his Leadership perspective



Mr. Supriyo Sinha conducting the Mastering Leadership session



Mr. Soumendra Mohan Basu conducting the Mastering Leadership session

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Participants interacting at the session

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Certificates and gifts being awarded to the participants

12TH EDITION OF RATNAGARBHA

11th May 2025,
ITC Sonar, Kolkata

This year, Ratnagarbha 2025 was held on 11th May 2025 at ITC Sonar, Kolkata. The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon Padma Bhushan Leander Paes, a Former Indian Tennis Player.

The other awardees were:

Sports Category – Ms. Mithu Kotal, mother of Mr. Pritam Kotal, Indian Footballer, received the award

Business Category - Ms. Sheila Daryani, mother of Mr. Sagar Daryani, Co-Founder and CEO, WoW Momo received the award

Health Category - Ms. Kamala Rani Chakraborty, mother of Doctor Robin Chakraborty, renowned interventional cardiologist and electrophysiologist received the award

Films - Ms. Satarupa Sanyal mother of Ms. Ritabhari Chakraborty, Celebrated Indian Actress received the award

Social - Ms. Shipra Banerjee, mother of Dr. Arijit Banerjee, popularly known as The Toilet Man of Bengal, received the award

Music - Ms. Manju Moitra, mother of Ms. Shantanu Moitra, Indian pianist, score composer and musician, was present online to receive the award.

Inaugural Session



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber and Clients & Industries Leader, PwC, The Bengal Chamber addressing the audience with his welcome speech

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Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Co-Chair Sports Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd speaking on the occasion and welcomed the audience



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Mr. Abir Chatterjee, Celebrated Indian Actor, Emceeing the event

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Awardees for the night



Sports Category – Ms. Mithu Kotal, mother of Mr. Pritam Kotal, Indian Footballer, received the award. Present from stage from left to right on stage, Mr. Avijit Das, MD, Hermes Voyages and Member, BCC&I; Dr. Madhab Milan Ghosh, Associate Professor, Faculty Incharge & Coordinator (Administration) Department of Sports Management, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM) and Mr. Jitendra Kumar, President (Legal & Corporate Affairs) & Company Secretary, Exide Industries India Ltd



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Business Category - Ms. Sheila Daryani, mother of Mr. Sagar Daryani, Co-Founder and CEO, WoW Momo received the award. Present on stage from left to right, Ms. Ranjana Sen, Chairperson and Whole Time Director, Senco Gold & Diamonds Ltd; Mr. Dinesh Verma, DGM & Circle Development Officer, Kolkata Circle, State Bank of India; Mr. Manab Paul, Founder Sree Balaji and Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I & Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Berger Paints India Ltd

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Health Category - Ms. Kamala Rani Chakraborty, mother of Doctor Robin Chakraborty, renowned interventional cardiologist and electrophysiologist received the award. Present on stage from left to right, Mr. Saroj Kumar Giri, Chairman, Novesta Group; Mr. Souvik Kuila, Managing Director, Novesta Group; Mr. Sekhar Chandra Biswas, Hony General Secy, West Bengal Badminton Association, Vice President and Chairman - Tournament Committee, Badminton Association of India and Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber and Clients & Industries Leader, PwC



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In picture - Ms. Kamala Rani Chakraborty, mother of Doctor Robin Chakraborty with Mr. Abir Chatterjee, Celebrated India Actor and the Emcee of the event



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Social - Ms. Shipra Banerjee, mother of Dr. Arijit Banerjee, popularly known as The Toilet Man of Bengal, received the award. Present on stage from left to right were Ms. Aditi Maitra, Founder, ArtnEarth; Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Member, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I and Proprietor, Halo Heritage; Mr. Sudip Roy Chowdhury, BCC&I, Sports Development Committee Member and Managing Director, Roy Chowdhury & Co



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Social - Mr. Sagar Daryani, Co-Founder and CEO of WoW Mom with his family

Lifetime Achievement Award



The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon Padma Bhushan Leander Paes, Former Indian Tennis Player. Mr Arnab Basu (on left) President, The Bengal Chamber and Clients & Industries Leader, PwC; Ms. Juliana Paes (second from left) and Mr. Subrata Dutta, (on right) Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I, Chairman, The Indian Football Association and MD, The George Telegraph Group handed over the award



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Padma Bhushan Leander Paes with Mr. Arnab Basu President, The Bengal Chamber and Clients & Industries Leader, PwC and Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I, Chairman, The Indian Football Association and MD, The George Telegraph Group



Padma Bhushan Leander Paes



Padma Bhushan Leander Paes, Former Indian Tennis Player. Also present on stage, Ms. Juliana Paes and Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I, Chairman, The Indian Football Association and MD, The George Telegraph Group



Padma Bhushan Leander Paes

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Closure



Mr. Abir Chatterjee, being felicitated by Mr. Rajiv Paul, Owner, Bawarchi Restaurant, Bhooter Raja Dilo Bor and Mr. Sunando Dhar, Founder Director, Gambit Forward (P) Ltd



On Stage from left to right, Mr. Abir Chatterjee, Celebrated Indian Actor and Emcee of the event, Mr. Rajiv Paul, Owner, Bawarchi Restaurant, Bhooter Raja Dilo Bor and Mr. Sunando Dhar, Founder Director, Gambit Forward (P) Ltd



Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Co-Chair, The Sports Development Committee and Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd. during the Vote of Thanks



The Core Team behind the event



The Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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14th May 2025,
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LOOK EAST AGTECH SUMMIT (LEATS) 2025

India's AgTech revolution is transforming the agricultural sector through precision technologies, AI-driven advisory systems, sustainable input innovations, and smart supply chains. Yet, Eastern and Northeastern India, despite being agriculturally rich and ecologically diverse, remain underrepresented in this transformation. The region continues to face systemic barriers, including limited access to institutional capital, fragmented incubation support, and a relatively low density of startups and accelerators.

To bridge this gap and unlock the region's vast potential, **The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry**, in collaboration with **Think Ag**, convened the **Look East AgTech Summit (LEATS) 2025 on 14th May 2025** at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata. The summit aimed to catalyze a new era of **technology-led, climate-resilient, and inclusive growth** in Eastern India's agri and allied sectors by fostering multi-stakeholder collaboration and regional innovation.

This summit convened a distinguished assembly of stakeholders, including farmer collectives, startups, scale-ups, policymakers, government institutions, corporates, financial institutions, investors, incubators, mentors, ICAR institutes, agricultural universities, IITs, IIMs, CSR foundations, and grassroots organizations. Participants represented a wide geography, representing a diversity which enabled a truly global exchange of insights and opportunities. Through curated panel discussions, breakout sessions, exhibitions, and stakeholder networking, **LEATS 2025** positioned itself as the premier platform to reimagine the agricultural future of Eastern India.

Inaugural Session : Unlocking Agri Innovation in Eastern India

The Look East AgTech Summit 2025 opened with a strong call to accelerate agritech transformation in Eastern and Northeastern India, highlighting the region's untapped potential compared to the startup-heavy South and West. Jayanta Chakraborty of BCC&I emphasized bridging the geographical and infrastructural gap, while Hemendra Mathur of ThinkAg called for building a robust regional ecosystem involving startups, FPOs, government bodies, incubators, and investors. With over 10,000 agritech startups nationwide, the East still lacks ecosystem depth—an issue the summit aims to address, especially in high-potential sectors like makhana, fishery, and horticulture. The Keynote Address delivered by Alok Jain, Deputy General Manager at State Bank of India (ABU & GSS) spotlighted West Bengal's strengths in crop production and underscored the need for credit, skilling, and market linkages to support micro food processing units, positioning financial institutions as enablers of rural enterprise. Collectively, the session set the tone for coordinated efforts to transform Eastern India into a vibrant agritech corridor.

Panel Discussion 1 : Doing Business in East- Navigating Challenges and Seizing Opportunities

The first panel discussion of the Look East AgTech Summit 2025 focused on identifying the structural and strategic levers to transform Eastern India's agriculture into a self-sustaining economic force. Moderated by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Interuri Consulting & Former President, BCC&I, the session addressed key themes such as climate adaptation, capital penetration, value chain development, market linkages, technology integration, labour schemes, and the role of PPPs. The panel brought together voices from leading institutions and agri-enterprises to explore how diversification, resilience, and inclusive growth models could anchor the next wave of agri-innovation in the region.

Panel Discussion 2 : Mechanisation & Tech - Transforming the Tea Industry

This unique panel discussion, moderated by Mr. S. Soundarajan, Director – Tea Development, Tea Board, focused on leveraging technological innovation to modernize the labour-intensive tea sector. From mechanised harvesting and robotics to AI-based pesticide residue detection and renewable energy adoption, the session addressed the opportunities and challenges in integrating mechanisation across the tea value chain. The speakers shared institutional insights, field innovations, and strategic recommendations to enable a technology-driven transformation of the tea industry.

Panel Discussion 3 : Achieving Financial Inclusion – Will Partnerships with Agri Startups Bridge the Gap?

This session explored the critical question of whether financial inclusion for small and marginal farmers in Eastern India can be accelerated through meaningful partnerships between financial institutions and agri-startups. The discussion was framed around three key themes : what has worked in startup-finance collaborations, how to co-create scalable and context-specific models for underserved regions, particularly aspirational districts in the East, and how climate-smart solutions developed by startups can be integrated into mainstream financial systems. With over 1,200 FPOs across 161 districts and 50 aspirational districts in the East already being engaged by institutions like Samunnati, the panel highlighted that only 20% of cultivated area in the region has access to formal credit, and farmer incomes continue to remain as low as INR 9,500 to INR 10,000 per month, compared to INR 23,000 in better-served states like Punjab. The East, with only 60% of India's startups active in the region, remains underserved and urgently requires innovative, collaborative financial delivery mechanisms.

Panel Discussion 4 : Facilitating Access to Carbon Credits for Indian Farmers

With growing interest in carbon markets, a key question arises, can Indian farmers truly benefit from this opportunity? This session looked closely at what needs to change to make carbon credit systems both reliable and truly helpful for farmers. This session looked closely at the emerging potential of carbon markets for Indian farmers and the challenges in making carbon credit systems accessible, scalable, and farmer centric. The discussion focused on the need for verifiable digital infrastructure, simplified MRV (Measurement, Reporting, Verification) platforms, geotagging, and data credibility to ensure high-quality carbon credits.

Panel Discussion 5 : The Next Aquaculture Hub- Building the Roadmap

This engaging panel discussion focused on positioning Eastern and Northeastern India as the future growth center of India's aquaculture sector. The session brought together practitioners, entrepreneurs, scientists, and institutional experts to discuss the unique biodiversity, smallholder dominance, and infrastructural gaps that shape the region's aquatic food ecosystem. Moderated with a participatory approach, the discussion highlighted the need for decentralized innovation, robust market linkages, policy reform, and inclusive development to transform aquaculture into a driver of economic empowerment and food security.

Panel Discussion 6 : AgBioTech Breakthroughs Disrupting the Input Sector

This breakout session focused on how agri-biotech innovations are disrupting the input sector through sustainable, high-impact breakthroughs. The discussion began with an emphasis on soil as the foundation of all agricultural innovation and the need to protect and restore it to ensure long-term food security. It was noted that if current rates of soil degradation continue, by 2050, two-thirds of arable land may become unfit for cultivation. Climate change was discussed as a compounding factor, with the point raised that 11 out of 25 known climate mitigation strategies are directly linked to healthy soil. This laid the context for exploring how agri-biotech innovations can support sustainability from the ground up.

Panel Discussion 7 : Disrupting the value chain of Makhana

This panel discussion brought together scientists, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders to explore the transformative potential of makhana in India's agri-value chain. From production dynamics and interstate expansion to branding, value addition, and policy support, the session

examined how this traditionally niche aquatic crop can emerge as a mainstream, commercially viable superfood. The discussion also emphasized the importance of institutional intervention, consumer education, and ecosystem development to unlock makhana's full potential as both a health food and economic asset.

Panel Discussion 8 : Creating More Investable Startups

This session examined what makes early-stage startups "investable" in the Indian impact ecosystem, particularly in the agri and allied sectors. Bringing together leaders from Lok Capital, Caspian Impact, and Upaya Social Ventures, the discussion offered a granular look at how equity, debt, convertibles, and blended finance can serve different phases of startup growth. The panellists reflected on capital readiness, investor expectations, and how founders can align their business models with both financial viability and grassroots impact.

Presentation : Honey Value Chain & Tech

This insightful presentation by Monika Shukla, Co-founder and CEO, Humble Bee traced the critical yet underappreciated role of bees in India's agricultural ecosystem and proposed a comprehensive roadmap to transform beekeeping into a viable, climate-resilient livelihood. Drawing parallels with the Amul model, the session showcased a scalable value chain rooted in collective clusters, pollination corridors, and localized capacity building, particularly among women beekeepers. The speaker highlighted the need for technological innovation, migratory infrastructure, and a public awareness campaign to support ethical honey production and pollination-linked yield gains.

Panel 9: Reimagining the incubation landscape in East India

This forward-looking panel brought together leading voices from premier academic incubators and agri-innovation institutions to explore the evolving role of incubators in catalyzing rural entrepreneurship and regionally rooted innovation. The session addressed the unique incubation challenges in Eastern and Northeastern India including capital constraints, fragmented ecosystems, and low startup penetration, while offering actionable pathways to strengthen research-to-market linkages, support tribal entrepreneurship, and develop inclusive, locally anchored startup ecosystems.

Exhibition Zone: Showcasing Innovation and Impact

The Exhibition Zone at the Look East AgTech Summit 2025 served as a dynamic platform for innovators, manufacturers, and technology-driven enterprises to demonstrate next-

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generation solutions for agriculture and allied sectors. The stalls brought together diverse stakeholders, ranging from grassroots tool manufacturers to drone and IoT pioneers, offering practical, scalable, and sustainable interventions for farmers, agri-enterprises, and rural communities. Exhibitors included OEMs like **Sun Agro Tech** demonstrating durable agri-hand tools, and tech startups like **Revoltaero Systems** and **Mobitech Wireless** offering drones and IoT-based irrigation systems for precision farming. Digital platforms such as **Krishi Vikas Udyog** and **Kheetii Bazaar** displayed agri-commerce and supply chain transparency solutions. **BuzzWorthy Ventures** and **Aqua Doctor Solutions** introduced climate-resilient beekeeping and integrated aquaculture services. Innovations in fisheries and water quality monitoring were presented by **Maribus Solar** and **Bharat Fishmate**, while deep-tech agri-wellness startups from **RISE Foundation**, **IISER Kolkata** demonstrated organic inputs, herbal solutions, and biotech-based nutraceuticals. The stalls reflected a rich confluence of grassroots innovations and high-impact technologies for sustainable agriculture and rural development.

Expected Outcomes

- **Strengthened Regional Ecosystem** : Establishment of a robust agritech ecosystem in Eastern and Northeastern India by connecting startups, FPOs, research institutions, and government bodies to enable inclusive and sustained innovation.
- **Improved Access to Capital and Markets** : Enhanced financial inclusion for agri-startups and micro-enterprises through blended finance models, digital credit tools, and increased partnerships with banks, fintechs, and impact investors.
- **Expansion of Climate-Smart Practices** : Wider adoption of clean energy, precision farming, biofertilizers, carbon

farming, and regenerative aquaculture to build resilience against climate variability and environmental degradation.

- **Diversified Value Chains and Livelihoods** : Promotion of high-potential sectors like makhana, tea, aquaculture, and beekeeping through mechanization, branding, and policy support to generate jobs and diversify rural incomes.
- **Boost in Regional Incubation Capacity** : Scaling of regional incubators and startup support systems tailored to rural and tribal geographies, enabling localized innovation and entrepreneurship.
- **Operational Roadmaps for Strategic Sectors** : Clear blueprints for scaling inland fisheries, expanding women-led beekeeping clusters, democratizing drone services, and integrating digital agri-marketplaces to modernize Eastern India's agri-value chains.

The Look East AgTech Summit 2025 marked a pivotal moment in redefining the agricultural and innovation narrative of Eastern and Northeastern India. By bringing together a diverse cross-section of stakeholders, from grassroots innovators and farmer producer organizations to deep tech startups, policy leaders, and financial institutions, the summit demonstrated that the region is not just ready for transformation, but poised to lead it. The conversations, partnerships, and innovations showcased at LEATS 2025 underscored the urgent need for inclusive, technology-driven, and climate-resilient solutions tailored to regional realities. As we move forward, the momentum generated through this summit must translate into sustained ecosystem-building efforts, deeper investments, and collaborative platforms that empower Eastern India to emerge as a dynamic agri-innovation corridor for the country and the broader South Asian region.



Keynote Address by Satyendra Kumar Singh, CGM (CAG), Corporate Centre, Mumbai, State Bank of India



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Bijoy Gopal Chakraborty, President, Confederation of Indian Small Tea Growers Associations delivering insights such as large cost disparities between small tea growers and large estates mostly due to mechanisation



Audience engaging with the discussions and asking insightful questions to the panellists



Insights shared by Dr. Sudarshan Dutta, Head – Global Nature-Based Solutions Program, Kosher Climate on science-policy-business interface



Mr. Satyajit Singh, Founder of Shakti Sudha Makhana stresses on the importance of generic branding for Makhana under the newly established Makhana Board



Monika Shukla, Co-founder and CEO, Humble Bee delivering an insightful presentation on the golden revolution: infusing technology to promote sustainable beekeeping across India



Diverse stalls featuring a wide range of products and technologies set up at the Exhibition Zone

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

WORKSHOP ON US TARIFF & GLOBAL TRADE - UNDERSTANDING COMPLEXITIES

The global trade landscape is shifting rapidly. With rising geopolitical tensions and a growing push for protectionist policies, companies across the world are being forced to re-evaluate how they trade, export, and grow internationally. At the heart of this shift is the idea of Reciprocal Tariffs; a strategy strongly pushed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

In response, countries across the globe are now rushing to sign bilateral trade agreements to protect their market access and avoid higher tariff barriers. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) have become the go-to strategy for staying competitive. With this shift, understanding FTAs isn't just a policy issue, it's a business survival tool.

In this context, the International Trade Committee of the Bengal Chamber organised the Workshop on "US tariff & Global Trade – Understanding Complexities".

This workshop will simplified the meaning of reciprocal tariffs, how FTAs can help mitigate risks, and why new rules like Proof of Origin and CAROTAR 2020 make documentation and compliance more important than ever.

The faculty of the workshop was Mr. Sudhakar Kasture a renowned Trade and Director of Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. and EXIM Institute, Mumbai. He is an advisor to many National & Multinational Corporations, Commercial Banks etc.

The inaugural of the workshop discussed the global issues like the Indo- Pak war, US – China Trade War, its impact on global Trade and amidst all these how India is placed in the International Market. The Inaugural Session witnessed the presence of Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, CMD, Balmer Lawrie Ltd. and Special Invitee of the International Trade Committee of BCC&I.

The programme was well attended by organisations like Tata Steel Ltd., Exide Industries Ltd. PCBL, Jayashree Textiles (Grasim), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Sail, ECGC, NALCO, Dalmia Cement, Birla Corporation, TM International Logistics Ltd., Wacker Metroark Chemical Pvt. Ltd., Vesuvius India Limited, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., Linde, Century Ply and others.



Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, CMD, Balmer Lawrie Ltd. & Arnab Chakraborty, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, setting the tune of the workshop at the Inaugural

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Workshop on "US Tariff & Global Trade - Understanding Complexities" in progress

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SECOND EDITION OF AHARER SEKAL-EKAL

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with Chowman Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., organized the **Second Edition of "Aaharer Sekal-Ekal : A Special Recognition of Kolkata's Heritage Eateries"** on 17th May 2025, at **Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises**. The initiative was a heartfelt tribute to Kolkata's rich and diverse culinary traditions, acknowledging eateries that have not only stood the test of time but also continue to define the city's unique gastronomic identity.

In a city where food is a celebration, this curated recognition honoured a wide range of legendary eateries across various categories :

- **Sharbat Joints** : Paramount, Shiv Shakti Sharbat, Kapila Ashram (Rishi Babur Dokan)
- **Club Foods** : Calcutta Club, Bengal Club
- **Breakfast Joints** : Bombay Hotel, Rao's Udupi Home
- **Pice Hotels** : Parbati Hotel, Adarsha Hindu Hotel
- **North Indian Cuisine** : Balwant Singh Dhaba, Shabir's Hotel
- **Chinese Eateries** : D'Ley Chinese Eating House, Tung Nam, Kafulok
- **Bengali Finger Food** : Campari, Lakshmi Narayan Shaw and Sons
- **Bakery** : Kanchan Bakery, K. Ali Bakery

Special Recognition was awarded to **Flurys, Mocambo & Peter Cat, and Shiraz Golden Restaurant** for their iconic status and continued excellence.



Mr. Debaditya Chaudhury, Chairperson of the Lifestyle Committee, BCC&I, and Managing Director, Chowman Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., delivering the welcome address

The evening witnessed the presence of some of Bengal's most celebrated personalities, who added star-studded warmth to the celebration and graciously handed over the recognitions to the respective eateries. **Mr. Rajatabha Dutta** (renowned actor), **Pandit Bickram Ghosh** (eminent tabla maestro), **Ms. Tanushree Shankar** (celebrated dancer and choreographer), **Mr. Anupam Roy** (acclaimed singer-songwriter and music director), and **Mr. Imran Zaki** (Director, Dolphin Leather Pvt. Ltd.) graced the occasion. The programme was chaired by **Mr. Debaditya Chaudhury**, Chairperson of the Lifestyle Committee, BCC&I, and Managing Director, Chowman Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., who has been instrumental in conceptualizing and driving this unique celebration of Kolkata's food heritage.

In continuation of this journey of cultural preservation, the Lifestyle Committee of The Bengal Chamber will soon be releasing a **book chronicling the rich history and stories** of these legendary eateries.

The programme was supported by Das Roto Print, with **K.C. Das Private Limited** as the Gift Partner and **T2 (The Telegraph)** as the Media Partner.

With an audience of over 120 enthusiasts, the evening was a perfect blend of nostalgia, recognition, and celebration of Kolkata's gastronomic legacy – a journey from the past to the present, Sekal to Ekal.



Guests on stage, from (L to R), **Ms. Tanushree Shankar** (celebrated dancer and choreographer); **Mr. Anupam Roy** (Indian singer-songwriter and music director); **Mr. Rajatabha Dutta** (renowned actor); **Mr. Debaditya Chaudhury**, Chairperson of the Lifestyle Committee, BCC&I, and Managing Director, Chowman Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Imran Zaki** (Director, Dolphin Leather Pvt. Ltd.) and **Pandit Bickram Ghosh** (eminent tabla maestro)

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Ms. Tanushree Shankar (celebrated dancer and choreographer) presenting the recognition to Kafulok



Mr. Imran Zaki (Director, Dolphin Leather Pvt. Ltd.) handing over the recognition to Lakshmi Narayan Shaw and Sons



Mr. Dhiman Das, Executive Director, K.C. Das Private Limited presenting the recognition to K. Ali Bakery



Pandit Bickram Ghosh (eminent tabla maestro) presenting the recognition to Balwant Singh Dhaba



Mr. Rajatabha Dutta (renowned actor) presenting the recognition to Bengal Club



Mr. Anupam Roy (Indian singer-songwriter and music director) presenting the Special recognition to Shiraz Golden Restaurant

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SECOND EDITION OF AHARER SEKAL-EKAL



A group photograph capturing all distinguished guests along with the recipients of the recognition



A glimpse of the audience attending the programme.

19th May 2025,
Virtual Platform

5TH EDITION OF ANNUAL HERITAGE QUIZ 2025

The Heritage Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in association with **INTACH**, successfully organized the **Fifth Edition of the Annual Heritage Quiz 2025** on **Monday, 19th May 2025** via a virtual platform. This flagship initiative aimed at fostering a deep appreciation and understanding of **Indian and World heritage** among students of Classes 8 to 12.

This year's edition witnessed an **overwhelming response** with **over 1200 students** from **approximately 100 schools** participating. Following a rigorous elimination round, **60 semi-finalist teams** emerged, and finally, **8 teams qualified** for the **Grand Finale**, curated and conducted by celebrated Quiz Master **Mr. Arindam Bhattacharya**, Founder and Partner of Cradle Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

- **Winners : Kaivalya and Chetanya** from Mount Abu School, Rohini

- **First Runners-Up : Devansh Pandya and Kushagra Chourasia** from Sunbeam School Lahartara
- **Second Runners-Up : Hridayansh Vashist and Harshit Atal** from The Mann School

The quiz offered a unique platform for students to explore the rich and diverse legacy of global heritage, equipping them with knowledge that extends beyond classrooms. The event was **supported by : RT Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Om Dayal Group of Institutions, I Can Flyy - Tea Kafi. Gift Partner : Hermes Voyages Pvt. Ltd., and Knowledge Partner : Cradle Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**

The initiative was widely appreciated and stands as a testament to BCC&I's continued commitment to nurturing awareness and pride in cultural heritage among the youth.

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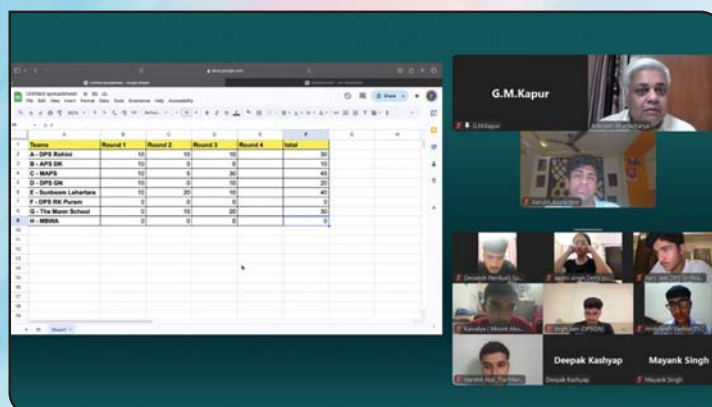
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Top row from (L – R) Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I; Mr. G.M. Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee, BCC&I & State Convenor, INTACH; Quiz Master, Mr. Arindam Bhattacharya, Founder and Partner of Cradle Solutions Pvt Ltd



Winners and runners up of the 5th edition of Annual Heritage Quiz 2025



5th edition of Annual Heritage Quiz 2025 in progress

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- 3rd Edition of Nursing Conclave, Theme : New Edge in Critical Care, 6th June 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises
- 4th EDITION OF "PEDAL THROUGH HERITAGE" an unforgettable cycle tour through the East Kolkata Wetlands, celebrating World Bicycle Day and World Environment Day!, 7th June 2025, Starting from New Town Business Club to East Kolkata Wetlands
- CXO Meet : Manoeuvring Fiscal and Taxation Landscape for Industry, 19th June 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises
- Financial Awareness Conclave, 20th June 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises
- BITC 2025, Theme : Towards Technology Enabled Sustainable and Secure Future, 20th June 2025, Taj City Centre, Kolkata
- Senior Leadership Development Programme through Mindfulness and Experiential Learning, 20th and 21st June 2025, Vedic Village, Kolkata
- Delegation to Germany & UK, 23rd June 2025, Physical
- BCC&I –Atmanirbhar Bharat Award and Conclave : Growing Locally, Competing Globally, 27th June 2025, The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata
- Launch of West Bengal Knowledge Report – 'Roaring Bengal Business Opportunities in West Bengal', 19th July 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises

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ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

Seminar conducted by the ECE Department on 25.04.2025

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, in association with the **IIC Cell**, organized an enlightening seminar titled “Stealth Technology : The Science of Invisibility.” The event commenced on **25th April, 2025 at 12:30 pm**, drawing participation from students, faculty, and distinguished professionals. The first session focused on academic frameworks—emphasizing the importance of research, curriculum development, and academic rigor as foundations for future innovation. The **second session** delved into the **dynamic interplay between academic institutions and industry**, exploring how mutual engagement can catalyse socio-economic progress. The highlight of the seminar was the keynote address by **Professor**

Somnath Maity, Professor of E.C.E Department, Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology. In a compelling and insightful presentation, **Professor Maity** articulated the rising importance of industry- academia synergy in contemporary India.



Seminar by Board of Practical Training, Eastern Region (BOPT-ER) : 28.04.25

We are pleased to inform you that **The Training and Placement Cell & IIC cell of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management**, has successfully organized a **one day seminar** for **B.Tech (3rd & 4th Year) Diploma (2nd & 3rd Year)** on the topic “**NATS Awareness Program / Career Guidance Program**” conducted by **Board of Practical Training, Eastern Region (BOPT-ER)** on **28th April, 2025 from 12.00 pm -1:00 pm** at Seminar Hall, AIEM.

We were honored to have **Mrs. Ritwika Biswas, Officer on Special Duty, BOPT-ER, Govt. of India**, honorable speaker, discuss her expertise and experiences on the NATS (National Apprenticeship Training Scheme). The NATS (National Apprenticeship Training Scheme) Awareness Program and Career Guidance Program aims to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical, industry- relevant skills for fresh graduates, diploma holders, and general stream students. The primary objectives are to enhance employability, create skilled technical manpower, and facilitate practical training in industries. Total 90 including faculty members and students were present.



Industrial Visit : 30.04.2025

The **Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management** organized a One-Day Industrial Visit for the B.Tech students to the **Goodwin Electronics Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, West Bengal** on **30th April, 2025**. This company is the most recognized supplier of the market engaged in offering a wide array of Circuit Board Assemblies, Coil Winding Machines, Restriction of Hazardous Substances, Wires & Cable Assemblies,

Box Build Assemblies and Integration of Electronics component. This visit aimed to provide the students with practical exposure and enhance their understanding of industrial operations, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications.

A group of students (30) participated in the visit, adhering strictly to all safety protocols.



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Educational Initiatives

Five-Day FDP on "Advanced Research and Methodologies" : 13th – 17th May 2025

The **Department of Basic Science and Humanities** successfully organized a five-day **Faculty Development Program (FDP)** on the theme "**Advanced Research and Methodologies**", held from **13th to 17th May 2025**, between **3:00 PM and 5:00 PM** each day. This academic initiative brought together **104 participants** from **14 different states** and **54 colleges and institutions** across India, reflecting a truly national reach and vibrant academic engagement. The program was coordinated under the able guidance of **Dr. Soumya Bhowal** (Convenor), with **Mr. Subrata Gorai** and **Dr. Joydeb Biswas** serving as Co-Convenors. Speaker details are given as -
Day 1 : Dr. Rajarshi Ghosh, Burdwan University
 Topic: Some Synthetic Methodologies to Functional Applications: Molecular Approach

Day 2 : Dr. Tapan Kanti Paine, IACS, Kolkata
 Topic : Dioxygen Activation by Aliphatic C–C Bond-Cleaving Iron Oxygenases : Mechanistic Insights from Biomimetic Studies

Day 3 : Mr. Abhishek Mukherjee, Kalna College

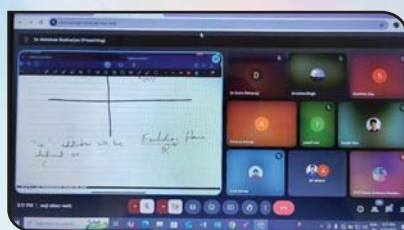
Topic : Action of Möbius Maps on the Riemann Sphere

Day 4 : Dr. Arup Kundu, Government Training College
 Topic: Data Analysis in Research Using SPSS and More and Dr. Jayanta Mete, Kalyani University

Topic : Research and Methodology in Social Science

Day 5 : Dr. Kousik Ghosh, Burdwan University
 Topic: Research and Methodologies in Mathematics and Dr. Rajat Jyoti Sarkar, Chandernagar College

Topic : Decoding Research Methodology : From Classical Principles to Modern Innovations



JIS Innovation Award 2025 : 14.05.2025

Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Mogra, West Bengal, had organized the award ceremony for **JIS Innovation Award 2025 on 14th May, 2025 i.e. Wednesday** in the **Seminar Hall** of our college from **11 a.m.** onwards. The award ceremony was dedicated to celebrate the outstanding contributions of students and faculty in the fields of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The **JIS Innovation Award** ceremony this year commenced with the

traditional illumination of the lamp by our dignitaries. The college was graced by the presence of our **Chief Guest, Prof. Priyadarshi De, Dean of Research and Development, IISER, Kolkata** who was felicitated by our Principal Madam, Prof. Jinia Datta. Prof. Priyadarshi also presented a session on '**Polymers and Plastic in Everyday Life**'.

A short segment was devoted to the inauguration of the **third edition of our college magazine, Machinage 3.0** by our respected Chief Guest, **Principal Madam and Registrar Sir, Mr. Debmalya Banerjee**.



Rabindra- Nazrul Jayanti : 14.05.2025

To commemorate the legacies of two of Bengal's greatest literary icons — **Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam** — the cultural committee of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management organized a **cultural celebration** on 14th May 2025. The event served as a **Post Rabindra Jayanti** (8th May) and **Pre Nazrul Jayanti** (26th May) observance.

The program commenced at **2:30 PM** in the college seminar hall, which was beautifully decorated to reflect the rich cultural heritage of Bengal. A respectful **homage was paid to Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam**, with the **offering of incense sticks and flower garlands** before their portraits. **Students from both B.Tech and Diploma courses** enthusiastically participated in a wide range of performances, showcasing their talents and paying tribute to the literary icons.

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Faculty members, students, and staff gathered in large numbers to be a part of this cultural confluence. The inaugural performance

was presented by **faculty members**, featuring a **powerful recitation** of selected verses by both



An outreach program-Computer Workshop: 15.05.2025 & 16.05.2025

Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has successfully organized an outreach program - Two days' workshop- on FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTER on 15th and 16th May, 2025 for

students of 10th, 11th and 12th of different schools of surrounding areas of our college for the whole day from 11am to 5pm. The primary objective of this program was to enhance their understanding of basic computer operations and prepare them for higher studies or future career opportunities in the digital age. Total 55 students from various schools have participated in this event.



GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, in collaboration with the Training & Placement Cell of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM), organized an industrial visit to the manufacturing division of Deutsche Maschinen India Pvt. Ltd. (DMI), located in Maheshtala, on April 10, 2025.



Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management has organized the award ceremony for the "JIS Innovation Award 2025" for Academic Session 2023-2024 on Monday, April 21, 2025, from 2.30 PM onwards in the seminar room of the institution.

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Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management has organized the "JIS PURASKAR-2025" Award distribution ceremony on Monday, 21st April, 2025 from 3:30 P.M. onwards in the college seminar room.

On April 22, 2025, a group of students from the Department of Civil Engineering at Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management embarked on an educational visit to the Municipal Solid Waste Treatment Plant of the Joynagar Municipal Corporation.



The Eco Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management in association with "Saviours and Friends of Environment" Foundation successfully celebrated "World Earth Day" on April 22, 2025, at 3.00 PM in Seminar Hall.

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Cell, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) and the Department of Civil Engineering, organized a workshop titled "Protecting Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) and IP Management for Startups" on April 24, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Seminar Hall of GKCEM Campus.



Institution's Innovation Council and Innovation club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) organized a two days' workshop on AutoCAD entitled "Turning Ideas into Impact: AutoCAD for Entrepreneurs" on 24th and 25th April, 2025, in the college campus.

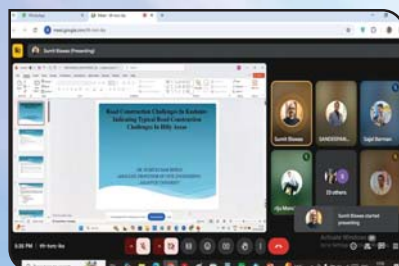
The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management successfully organized an Industry Expert Talk on "Advancement on Solar Technology and Future Prospect" on May 02, 2025 from 4:00pm through online mode.





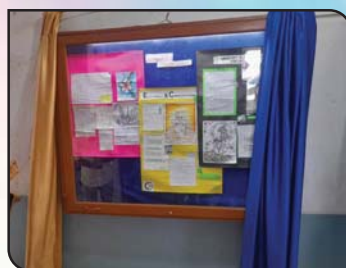
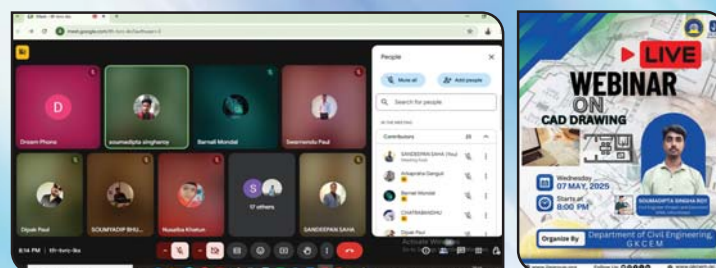
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The Department of Civil Engineering at Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM), under the JIS Group, organized a webinar titled *"Challenges in Construction of Roads in Hilly Region"* on May 03, 2025, at 6:00 PM. The webinar aimed to enhance the understanding of students regarding the complexities and technicalities involved in road construction across challenging terrains such as hilly regions, specifically for Kashmir Region of India.

The Department of Civil Engineering at Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM), under the JIS Group, organized an engaging and informative webinar titled *"CAD Drawing"* on May 07, 2025, at 8:00 PM. The session was designed to introduce students to practical applications and techniques in **Computer-Aided Design (CAD)** used in civil engineering projects.



The Literature Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) proudly unveiled the summer edition of its bi-annual Wall Magazine, 'Mirror 1.0', in honour of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary on 8th May, 2025.

The Departments of Computer Science and Engineering and Basic Science & Humanities of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management jointly organized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with Creonimus Technology Solution LLP on 8th May 2025 at the Principal office.



The Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and Innovation Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management organized an Industry Visit to Synchro Electronics, located at P-278, C.I.T. Road, Scheme-VI(M), Kolkata-700054, on 14th May 2025 for Undergraduate students. A total of twenty-two students participated in the visit.